

- Reservoir Induced Seismicity;
- Compensatory Afforestation;
- Relocation of buildings and monuments of historical and archaeological importance;
- Health aspects including control of water-borne diseases; and
- Disaster Management Plan.

**Commercial Application of Super Conductor Device**

\*388. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-YAPPA:  
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's first super conductor device with commercial applications is likely to be fabricated within a year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Some prototype devices based on super conducting materials are in the process of development in various institutions/laboratories in the country. The question of commercial applications will be taken up after the laboratory prototypes are fabricated, evaluated and further engineered/upscaled.

**Modernisation of Ishapore Rifle Factory, West Bengal**

\*389. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to consider the need for modernisation and up-dating of the technology in Ishapore Rifle Factory and some other Ordnance Factories in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the broad features of the project chalked out; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various Projects for production of Small Arms, have been sanctioned at Ishapore Rifle Factory, at a cost of Rs. 85 crores. In so far as other factories in West Bengal viz. Gun and Shell Factory, Cos-sipore, O.F. Dum-Dum and Metal and Steel Factory, Ishapore are concerned, new projects involving modernisation for production of Armaments and Ammunitions items, at a total cost of Rs. 22 crores have been sanctioned.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

**Expansion of Educational Opportunities in Rural Areas**

\*390. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:  
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of expanding educational opportunities in rural areas and the courses made more relevant to enable the students and rural youth to understand issues like land and water use, land-reform laws, environmental preservation and general health; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time