

minimum required facilities are being provided by renovation/repairs/addition to temporary/semi-permanent structures where these Vidyalyayas are now functioning. So far, 50 Navodaya Vidyalyayas have already moved into their own buildings constructed by the Navodaya Vidyalyayas Samiti.

#### **Radio Active Waste Management Facilities to Nuclear Plants**

4035. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
PROF. K.V.THOMAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether radio active waste management is satisfactory at Indian Rare Earths Ltd. and connected plants in Kerala; if not, the details of shortcomings;

(b) whether Government have received reports on violation of safety measures at the Indian Rare Earths Ltd., plant at Alwaye, Quilon;

(c) the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have provided or intend providing for Radiation Medicine Centres in the Country?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware of reports in the past about Indian Rare Earths Plant at Alwaye, alleging excessive radioactivity.

(c) The company had gone in details into the reports and found scientifically that

these were baseless. The Government also constituted an independent experts committee which had examined these reports and concluded in November 1987 that appropriate radiation control measures have been adopted in the company and radioactive level is within the permissible level in accordance with the international practices.

(d) The Department of Atomic Energy is running a radiation medicine centre as part of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Bombay. The Department has also nucleated radiation medicine centres in Assam, West Bangal, Delhi and Karnataka, wherever infrastructure is available. It is proposed to increase such activities during the Eighth Plan by providing extensive support and radioimmunoassay kits at present being manufactured by the Department of Atomic Energy.

#### **Monitoring of Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects**

4036. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are satisfied regarding the implementation of environmental security measures with respect to Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects;

(b) if so, the method of monitoring being followed; and

(c) whether the work will be temporarily withheld in view of objection raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c). Sardar Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Projects were accorded environmental approval with the proviso that the requisite