

(c) extra funds allocated, if any for the purpose ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government are seized of the matter concerning environmental conservation of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The news paper report mentioned in part (a) of the question is based on a study commissioned by Government. Export Groups are studying various aspects relating to conservation and sustainable development of natural resources of the Islands. Allocation of funds will depend on the conclusions of the studies.

#### Kaiga Nuclear Plant in Karnataka

\*339. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :  
SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA  
NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Kaiga Nuclear Plant in Karnataka has started ;

(b) if so, the amount spent so far ;

(c) whether precautionary measures have been taken to safeguard against health hazards in that area due to the establishment of the nuclear plant ; and

(d) the steps taken to convince the people of that area about the safeguards provided and to allay their fears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About Rs. 18.5 crores have been spent so far towards carrying out site investigations and advance procurement of long delivery items of equipment.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The public are being contacted through exhibitions and lectures by experts and the inbuilt safety systems/measures are being explained to the public.

#### Naval Installations in Pakistan Ports

\*340. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of Press reports that facilities for large navy ships and other installations of a strategic nature are being set up in Pakistan ports ;

(b) if so, for what purposes these are being set up ; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE; RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The attention of the Government has been drawn to the reports about the plans for the development of the ports and harbours along the Makran Coast of Pakistan. These are reportedly aimed at securing greater flexibility for the operation of Naval and Air units, which were hitherto confined to Karachi.

(c) The Government of India keeps all developments having a bearing on the country's security under constant observation in order to take appropriate measures from time to time to maintain full defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is being constantly re-equipped, modernised and developed.

#### Rural Fuel Wood Plantation

\*341. SHRIMATI PATNAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :