

released. Government have communicated the list of Indian passengers to the United State Government and action is in hand to identify their legal heirs.

Anti Terrorist Cell in the Capital

*212. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH:
SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a new anti-terrorist cell in the capital;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed cell; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c). An Operation Cell of Delhi Police dealing with terrorists is already functioning. A proposal has been received from Delhi Administration in July, 1988 for strengthening of this Operation Cell. The proposal envisages creation of additional posts and purchase of vehicles and equipment.

Deal with Hemlock Semi-Conductor Corporation (U.S.A.)

*213. DR. SUDHIR ROY:
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been able to fix responsibility for the deal between the Department of Electronics and Hemlock Semi-Conductor Corporation of U.S.A. which resulted in unfruitful expenditure of Rs. 7.92 crores, as pointed out by the C&AG in his report for the year ended 31st March, 1987 (No. 7 of 1988) Union Government (Scientific Departments);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c). The report of the Comptroller & Auditor General is to be considered by the Public Accounts Committee. The Government had even before the C&AG's report taken action to enquire into the matter and has come to the conclusion that certain officials had failed in adequately assessing indigenous technological development in the field of polysilicon. Appropriate action against the concerned officials have been taken. As regards the payment made to Hemlock Semi-Conductor Corporation of USA, we have received from the Corporation technical know-how, process design, standard operating procedures and material requisition documents for production of polysilicon which would be indigenously used for the development of polysilicon technology especially of electronic grade.

[Translation]

Amount Spent on Minimum Needs Programme

*214. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan only about one third amount under the Minimum Needs Programme has been spent out of the total amount allocated to raise the standard of living of rural population;

(b) if so, the details and reasons in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the impact on the standard of living of the rural people after spending this amount; and