

INSAT-ID we have already been assigned orbital slots by International Telecommunications Union. To augment and back-up INSAT System capacity for Telecommunications and Television, India has sought lease of transponder capacity from INTELSAT.

(b) Two transponders leased from INTELSAT are already part of the INSAT System from 1985 onwards, Additional lease to the extent of eleven transponders has now been requested for.

(c) Due to capacity shortage the INTELSAT is experiencing INTELSAT has informed India that it may not be in a position to provide the additional lease from its existing and planned satellites. However, INTELSAT is exploring other avenues such as procuring additional satellites. Further possible lease of transponders from INTELSAT would depend on the outcome of this effort.

Arrest of Arms Dealers by C.B.I.

*700. SHRI SAMBAJIRAO KAKADE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has arrested some international arms dealers (Delhi-based) recently;

(b) if so, whether the C.B.I. has completed their investigation about the alleged espionage activities of these arms dealers; and

(c) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) The C.B.I. made some arrests in June and October, 1988.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prosecution has been launched in these cases.

Construction of Gangasagar Yatrika, West Bengal

*705. PROF. M.R. HALDER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the construction of Gangasagar Yatrika in West Bengal;

(b) whether the work has been started; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the time required to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 17,56,800 as Grant-in-aid for construction of Yatrika at Gangasagar in West Bengal.

(b) The work has already started.

(c) Under the existing scheme, the Department has released the grant-in-aid to the Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti which is the executing agency for the project. A dispute has arisen between Samiti and contractor which has hampered the progress of the work. The matter is currently under arbitration.

Efficacy of Super Computer in Weather Forecasting

*706. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :