

and emissions from the industries.

(b) Effluent and emission standards have been notified and industries are required to meet the standards. Guidelines have been issued for determining location of industrial units.

(c) Most of industrial, urban and mining areas in Bihar, particularly Dhanbad, are facing environmental pollution.

[English]

Fire In Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur

1763. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire accidents in Central Ordnance Depot. Kanpur reported during last one year;

(b) the estimated loss incurred due to these fires;

(c) the causes of these frequent fires;

(d) the details of the measures taken to curb such frequent fires;

(e) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAJA RAMANNA): (a) One.

(b) Approximately Rs. 35-40 lakhs.

(c) to (f). The determination of the exact cause of fire has been entrusted to a Court of Inquiry. Existing security and fire fighting arrangements have been reinforced in all

the Ordnance Depots, to prevent such incidents.

Cultural Policy

1764. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a cultural policy to make cultural an integrated part of the social fabric and bring about a qualitative change in the Country's developmental efforts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details can be indicated only after the Policy has been framed and finalised. The process for policy formulation has been set in motion.

Shifting of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

1765. SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-
THALA:
SHRI SURESH KODIKKUN-
NIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to shift certain Units of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre from Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). There are no plans to shift any Units belo-

ging to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from Trivandrum. On the other hand, ISRO is planning to establish new Units in Trivandrum, under the overall supervision of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) to achieve greater efficiency and flexibility and to expand certain critical activities of relevance not only to VSSC, but also to other ISRO Centres.

Performance of Rural Employment Scheme

1766. SHRISUDAM DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Rural Employment Scheme since 1988-89 and the names of Pilot Centres where this Scheme was launched;

(b) whether Government have obtained reports about generation of incremental employment in rural areas and particularly for women and SC/ST beneficiaries through this Scheme; if so, the details of such benefits; and

(c) to details of new centres where the Scheme is proposed to be extended during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). The pilot scheme for Rural Employment in Electronics sector has been launched since 1988-89 through the following organisations:

1. Rajasthan Electronics & Instrument Ltd., Jaipur.
2. Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Ltd., Madras.
3. Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Trivandrum.

4. Rajasthan Electronics Ltd., Jaipur.
5. Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh.
6. Punjab State Electronics Production & Development Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh.
7. Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Bangalore.
8. Orissa State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar.
9. Maharashtra State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.,
10. West Bengal State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.
11. UP Hill Electronics Corporation Ltd., Lucknow.
12. UP Hill Quartz Ltd., Lucknow.
13. Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Patna.
14. Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.
15. M.P. State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd., Bhopal.

Based on the reports of pilot projects received from the State Electronics Development Corporations (SEDCs), the incremental employment figure through this scheme comes to around 700 including women and SC/ST beneficiaries in the rural area. Various electronic items are being