

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PRADHAN MANTRI, PARAMANU URJA MANTRI, GRIH MANTRI TATHA SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (d). A Conference of Chief Secretaries of State Governments and Union Territories was held on the 12th and 13th April, 1971.

The Conference had been convened to consider the operational problems in implementing the crash scheme for rural employment and the other development programmes designed to generate employment opportunities in rural areas.

A statement listing the subjects which were discussed is enclosed.

*Statement*

1. Crash Scheme for Rural Employment.
2. Rural Works Programme in chronically drought affected areas.
3. SFDA and MFAL projects.
4. Development of dry farming.
5. Agro-service centres.
6. Multiple cropping.
7. Development of small scale and ancillary industries.
8. Marketing of agricultural inputs and consumer goods.
9. Training schemes.
10. Vocational guidance, career advising and area skill surveys.
11. Development of rural roads
12. Rural Electrification.

**Protests against Reclassification of Posts of Scientists in C.S.I.R.**

319. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VIGYAN AUR PRADYOGIKI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to implement the recommendations of the Sarkar Committee, appointed in 1968 regarding reclassification of posts of Scientists ;

(b) if so, whether Scientists have strongly objected to this reclassification of posts ;

(c) if so, their main objection and the steps being taken by Government to resolve the differences ; and

(d) the details of recommendations of the Sarkar Committee which have been accepted and implemented by Government.

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (YOJANA MANTRI TATHA VIGYAN AUR PRADYOGIKI VIBHAG MANTRI) (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) The President, C.S.I.R. has accepted all the recommendations of the Sarkar Committee contained in Part-I of the Report including that of reclassification of all the existing posts in the C.S.I.R. into scientific, technical and administrative. A broad-based committee as suggested by the Sarkar Committee has been appointed for this purpose.

(b) and (c). Representations have been received about the proposed reclassification of the existing posts from (i) some members of the staff of some National Laboratories/Institutes under the C.S.I.R. (ii) some staff members of the C.S.I.R. Secretariat ; and (iii) C.S.I.R. Scientific Workers' Association at New Delhi, Dhanbad and Mysore.

Some of the points made therein are listed in the Statement, laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See No. LT--185/71*]. Their points of view are being placed before the broad-based Committee referred to in reply to part (a) above.

(d) A statement showing the progress of action taken on each of the recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT--185/71*].

**Pakistani's Alleged Efforts to create Communal Disturbances in India**

320. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :  
SHRI BISWANATH  
JHUNJHUNWALA :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the vigilance reports that Pakistani element

in India is once again active to create communal disturbances in India so that attention of the world is diverted from East Bengal ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have already issued instructions in this regard ;

(c) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take and also help the States in case such an emergency arises ;

(d) whether Pakistani spies have been found very active in West Bengal during the East Bengal conflict ; and

(e) if so, how many Pakistani spies have been arrested and action, if any, taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNAL (GRIH MANTRALAYA AUR KARMIK VIBHAG MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Government are fully alive to the possibility of Pakistani agents instigating communal trouble in India.

(b) and (c). After the breaking out of civil war in East Bengal State Governments were cautioned regarding such possibility and were advised to ask their authorities concerned to remain fully vigilant, particularly in the areas where communal trouble had been endemic or where communal tensions were known to exist. The Central Government will provide to the State Governments, prompt assistance of its armed forces to deal effectively with any trouble that may break out.

(d) Some Pakistani spies have been apprehended in West Bengal.

(e) Upto date information is being obtained from the State Government.

#### Improvement of Communications in the Andaman Islands

322. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :  
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS (SANCHAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the proposed plan for the improvement of communications in the Andaman Islands as announced by the Sanchar Mantri during his visit recently to those Islands ;

(b) the financial implications of the proposals ; and

(c) by what time the results are likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) The following proposals for the development and improvement of P and T facilities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands which are currently under examination were referred to by Prof. Sher Singh, the then Minister of Communications during his recent visit to these Islands.

- (i) Formation of a separate Postal Division for the administration of the postal services on the Islands. This would also enable the Islands to be regarded as a separate unit of recruitment for the clerical grades in the Post Office and would obviate the need to bring staff from the main land.
- (ii) Utilisation of all available steamer services, both passenger and cargo, for conveyance of mails between the main land and the Islands.
- (iii) Utilisation of sailings of all Government vessels between the various islands on other duties for conveyance of mails between various post offices.
- (iv) Opening of a floating Mobile Post Office on an experimental basis by the inter-island steamer serving the Southern group of islands.
- (v) Improvement of the Wireless-Telegraph and Radio links between the mainland and the Islands.
- (vi) Provision of Wireless Telegraph/Radio Telephone links for inter-island communication working between Port Blair and five side stations viz. Mayabunder, Nan Cowrie, Rangat, Diglipur and Cambell Bay.
- (vii) Relaxation of the condition of minimum income for opening of rural post offices on the Islands.
- (viii) Employment of part-time staff to enable expeditious sorting of mails received for delivery,