INFLUENCE OF RESEARCH ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES

509. SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement made by Shri D. R. Gadgil, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on the 16th October, 1967 to the effect that "a research worker found that his research had no place of importance in the formulation of Government Policies ".

(b) if so, to what extent the allegation is true; and

(c) if true, the remedial steps if any that are going to be taken to set matter right ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir; but the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission made some general remarks while analysing the circumstances in which a research scientist finds that he or his research has no place in the formulation of government policies or in their implementation. He was not referring to any particular research worker or to any particular research. An extract of his speech is laid on the Table of the House to explain the correct facts. [*Placed in Library. See* No. LT-1550/67].

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad

510. SHRI S. A. AGADI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has not paid its agreed contribution for the construction and maintenance of the Salar Jung Museum Building at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the particulars of the dues and the action taken to recover them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

NATIONAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

511. SHRJ K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased torefer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 7570 on the 2nd August, 1967 and state;

(a) whether the Board of Directors which was reviewing the activities of the National Research Development Corporation in order to make it a more effective instrument of scientific research, development and utilisation has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad details are as follows :--

- (i) For professional assessment NR-DC may constitute Technical Advisory Committees in specific fields and region wise;
- (ii) Market Survey reports or Project reports may be prepared in particular cases by NRDC or by some competent authority;
- (iii) Preference may be given to the issue of non-exclusive licences
- (iv) NRDC should put up pilot plants at its own cost or in collaboration with industry to take up the process from the laboratory state. This should be done after the techno-economic feasibility is assesed;
- (v) NRDC should provide risk capital;
- (vi) In suitable cases NRDC may consider compensating entreprenuers against losses suffered by them;
- (vii) NRDC should lay emphasis on giving more publicity to the processes developed in National Laboratories and its activities
- (viii) Executive Director may be recruited at the earliest.