

**ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) Enriched uranium is being imported from U.S.A. for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station.

(b) Preliminary studies on the subject have been initiated.

**ASSESSMENT OF MANPOWER NEEDS FOR ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAMME**

**5676. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:** Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made a broad assessment of the man-power needs of atomic energy programme for the current decade; and

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to ascertain whether the available resources of our universities and polytechnics are sufficient to meet the requirements?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Facilities available in Universities, Polytechnics, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Science, etc. have been studied with a view to meeting the demand for trained personnel. Graduates passing from most of the Universities require orientation in the subjects of interest to the atomic energy programme. For this purpose, an intensive training course for one year is organised at Trombay which consists of six months of basic course and six months of advanced course. In view of the better facilities available and the norms of selections followed by the Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institute of Science, we are collaborating, as an experimental measure, with these institutions for recruiting their graduates/post graduates directly to meet the additional man-power needs of the atomic energy programme.

**IMPORT OF TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW FROM FRANCE FOR MANUFACTURING ROCKET PROPELLANTS**

**5677. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:** Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state the conditions on which India has obtained the technical know-how of manufacturing rocket-propellants from the French Government with special reference to our obligations to the French Government?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI):** We have obtained the technical know-how for manufacturing rocket propellants from the French Government under a commercial agreement on payment of a Licence fee and Royalty to be paid on the basis of propellants actually produced. Under the agreement the technical know-how cannot be transferred by us to a third party.

**ABSORPTION OF INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE STAFF IN NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY ORGANISATION**

**5678. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether no agreed solution has yet been found, despite prolonged negotiations to the question of terms and conditions for absorption of Indian Statistical Institute Staff in the National Sample Survey Organisation;

(b) whether the staff concerned have been offered "equipment" Government pay scales which are inferior to their existing I.S.I. Scales;

(c) whether those opting to remain on I.S.I. scales will be deprived of compensatory Government allowances to which they were hitherto entitled; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove those grievances?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF**