

**Improvement of Telex Services  
between Major Cities**

2345. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the telex services between major cities; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provision of additional junctions, expansion of the existing capacities of Telex centres and opening of new Stations in the Telex network are the broad outlines for improvement of the existing service. These schemes have certain limitations by way of availability of resources both material and financial. These will be implemented progressively in the future years.

**Priority to Applied Sciences in Policy**

2346. SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the desirability of giving priority to applied science in policy has been considered;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (c). The Scientific Policy Resolution of 1958 which embodies Government's Science Policy clearly emphasises that 'pure' and 'applied' sciences both have direct relevance to development process and require systematic support. In order, however, that the fruits of the scientific endeavour become quickly available to common people, greater emphasis is laid on 'applied' or development research, which is of immediate

interest. The Science and Technology Plan which is under formulation will adequately reflect this policy.

**Composition of Committee to Examine  
Problems of Pump and Electric  
Meters**

2347. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to make on-the-spot study of the problems confronting India; and

(b) if so, its composition and functions and the time by which the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Special Treatment to Small Entrepreneurs**

2348. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the definition a small scale industry is one in which not more than Rs. 7.5 lakh have been invested on plant and machinery;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the small entrepreneurs have not the capacity to invest more than a lakh; and

(c) whether Government propose to extend special treatment to those who have not the capacity to invest more than Rs. one lakh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) This is under consideration of the Government.