

The break up of the grades in which these 126 trainees were given specialised training is as under:—

FITTER	—	74	(1 abandoned)
INSTRUMENT	—	7	
ELECTRICAL	—	19	
ELECTRONICS	—	10	(1 abandoned)
MACHINIST	—	10	
PAINTERS	—	6	
		126	

These trainees were paid stipend of Rs. 440/- per month. Though they could not be absorbed on completion of their specialised training due to imposition of ban on recruitment of additional personnel consequent upon the anticipated decline in the workload, HAL have given an assurance that preference will be given to them subject to their being otherwise qualified, as and when necessity for additional manpower arises on improvement of the order book position. In view of this and keeping in view the objectives of the scheme, it cannot be said that the training imparted to them and the amount spent on them is a waste. As a matter of additional relief to them, HAL have also circulated a list of these trainees to other Public Sector Undertakings for considering them for appointment against suitable posts in their organisation.

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government on science and technology research through various Science Research Institutes during the last three year;

(b) how many research papers were prepared by the prominent Research Institutes; and

(c) how many reports have been evaluated by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Task Force on Foodgrains Production

3000. SHRIBANANRAO DHAKNE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has constituted any Task Force for preparing a framework action plan for achieving the desired foodgrains production target by the end of the Eighth Plan;

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**Expenditure on Science/Technology Research**

2999. SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: