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## Development of Maghar

4299. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have under consideration any plan for the development of Maghar, the place of salvation of saint Kabir who awakened the feeling of world unity; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RE-TRAINING. FORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPART-MENT OF CULTURE (SHRI SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Maghar in District Basti in U.P. has a monument called "Samadhi and Mazar" of Sant Kabir. It is a monument protected by the Uttar Pradesh Government. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has prepared a scheme for all round development of the area which includes: (i) repairs to the monument; (ii) landscaping around the monument; (iii) widening and improvement of approach roads with provision for street-lights; (iv) construction of roads and embankment on the river Amo; and (v) a programme of afforestation.

[English]

## Import of goods and technology policy

4300. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reported in 'Times of India' dated 5 August, 1985

regarding the concern expressed by the Scientists over the likely adverse impact of the liberalised import of goods and technology policies on indigenous industry and capital equipments and Research and Development Institutions like C.S.I.R.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Import of technology and equipment continue to be selective taking note of the capabilities for new advances by our Institutions within a time frame and noting the imperatives for rapid improvements in quality and costs of end products with a view to ensuring that benefits flow to all people. Wherever comparable indigenous technology is available imports have not been allowed. Utilisation of indigenously developed technology is steadily improving and units based on indigenous technology are continuing to operate successfully.

Science and Technology Institutions in the country have a very important role to play in assisting in improvements and in producing new technologies appropriate to the present and future needs. Planning of research is being strengthened by close involvement of Government departments and users in Industry.

## Shortfall in filling up reserved quota for SC/ST

- 4301. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Tribes in their 39th Report (Fifth Lok Sabha) (1973—75) and 4th Report (Sixth Lok