

**Setting up of electronics industries
in Bihar**

2437. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar is backward in the field of electronics industries as compared to other States; and

(b) if so, steps proposed to be taken to promote electronics industry there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). Department of Electronics has not made any such study or assessment regarding backwardness of Bihar in respect of the manufacture of electronic products. However, applications for Licence/approval for electronics industry are considered for every state, including Bihar, as per general policy.

[English]

**News item captioned 'National
Geophysical Research Institute
Internal Tremors'**

2438. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to an article captioned "NGRI-Internal Tremors" appearing in India Today of 31 October, 1985 ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to have an impartial evaluation of the performance of National Geophysical Research Institute; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF

OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Mechanism for impartial evaluation already exists in the form of Research Advisory Council. The Research Advisory Council of the Institute which consists of eminent scientists, Government representatives and representatives from public sector industry, R & D Organisations, Universities etc. is responsible for approving the research project proposals, monitoring their progress and finalizing future plans. The Research Advisory Council (RAC) of NGRI is satisfied with the programmes and progress of the Institute. Major research projects are being entrusted to the Institute by Ministries, Departments and public sector organisations in the areas of petroleum, coal, mineral and water resources. Coordinated seismological surveys are also in progress. The Institute is establishing many interactions with users. All Principal Investigators with the exception of Dr. J.G. Nagi have made detailed presentations to the Research Advisory Council, on their scientific work and research proposals. There is a satisfactory system for giving opportunities for all scientists to present their work to experts for impartial evaluation.

Budget proposals for Cantts. in H.P.

2439. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the budget allocations for Dagshai, Kasauli, Sapathu, Jotog, Dalhousie and Baklo Cantonments in Himachal Pradesh for their proper development and functioning; and

(b) the details of the development schemes envisaged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) The Cantonment Boards are autonomous bodies and they are expected to meet their requirements from their own