

amending their local Co-operative Societies Acts. The scheme was recently extended to 21 eligible Co-operative Banks in the State of Haryana with effect from 1.1.1987. As on date the scheme has been extended to eligible Co-operative Banks in 18 States/Union Territories including the State of Haryana. The question of extension of the scheme to any State/Union Territory is considered by RBI after the State Governments appropriately amend their Co-operative Societies Acts.

Brain drain among scientist community

1266. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN :

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether of late, best among the science students are finding commercial, banking and administrative services more attractive resulting in a new kind of brain drain;

(b) if so, the causes thereof; and

(c) steps contemplated to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Some of the science and engineering students are taking jobs in Management, Banking, Administration etc. However, this number is not significant as compared to the total out-turn of students in Science & Technology disciplines from the academic institutions of the country.

(c) A number of steps have been taken to elevate the status of scientists and technologists and to improve their working conditions with a view to attracting the best talents available in the country. Some of these are :

— The scheme of flexible complementing/merit promotion is being introduced in all the scientific departments/organisations.

— Programmes have been launched through which core group of scientists are created in the country with all the necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

— Special schemes are being implemented to provide assistance to scientists for attending international conferences besides enabling younger scientists to attend specialised training programmes outside India.

— There is a provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of scientists' Pool. A provision has also been made for the creation of super-numerary posts.

— New scientific departments/organisations such as Departments of Bio-technology, Ocean Development, Environment, Non-conventional Energy Sources, Centre for Development of Telematics have been set up and some of these are in high technology areas. These are likely to provide job opportunities for the scientists, technologists and doctors.

— The financial allocation for Science & Technology activities have been increased substantially over the successive Five Year Plans.

— Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers have been made to scientific institutions to improve the organisational efficiency and working conditions of scientists.

Rate of Inflation

1267. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the annual rate of inflation in wholesale price index on a point to point basis in January, 1987;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the rate of inflation in the corresponding period last year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b) The annual rate of inflation in terms of Wholesale Price Index (1970-71=100), on a point to point basis was 6.3 per cent on end-January, 1987 (i.e. 31-1-1987) as against 5.8 per cent on end-January, 1986 (i.e. 1.2.1986).

(c) The pressure on prices this year was mainly caused by weak monsoon which adversely effected the production of many essential commodities like foodgrains, condiments and spices, fruits and vegetables and oilseeds.

[Translation]

Central clearance to Rajasthan scheme to control pollution

1268. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has submitted a detailed scheme to Union Government to check industrial effluent in different districts of that State;

(b) if so, when Central clearance is being given to the scheme; and

(c) the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No such scheme has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Divergence in information regarding national saving

1269. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is divergence between the data given by the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Statistical Organisation on national income;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations of the Rao Committee on savings and investments which favoured the idea of single set of national income have not been adopted; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) is the official agency for release of estimates of national income, saving etc. These estimates for a financial year are issued in the month of Jan., of the following year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) while commenting on the performance of the economy in their Annual Report on Currency and Finance which is issued during the period August to November of the following year, presents the estimates of national income on the basis of CSO's estimates of the earlier years. It also gives the rates of saving of the economy and utilises the CSO data on the public sector savings and a part of the savings of the household sector. These estimates are subsequently revised by them when latest CSO data becomes available in January. There are thus differences between the two sets of estimates primarily because of the additional data and detailed work done by the CSO in the intervening period of July to December.

(b) and (c) There is no Rao Committee on Saving and Investment. However, a Working Group on Saving set up by the Government of India under the chairmanship of Prof. K. N. Raj to undertake a