

(a) the machinery in Government to receive the criticism and suggestions of the scientific community on the state of development of science and technology in the country;

(b) whether the outgoing President of the Indian National Science Academy in his farewell speech on 4 January, 1987 had expressed certain misgivings about the progress of science in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures proposed in this regard ?

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) The suggestions and criticisms of the scientific community regarding development of science and technology in the country are looked into by the concerned Science and Technology Departments/organisations/institutions of the Government such as Departments of Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics, Ocean Development, Bio-Technology, Science and Technology, etc.

(b) and (c). The outgoing President of the Indian National Science Academy in his speech delivered at the 52nd Anniversary General Meeting of Indian National Science Academy held on 2nd January, 1987 had mentioned that the total scientific scenario in the country was not altogether encouraging. The morale and performance of the average scientist were not very high. He also mentioned that the change for the better had to come from the scientists themselves who had to rise to the occasion.

(d) The misgivings expressed by Chairman of Indian National Science Academy were mainly in the form of an appeal to the scientific community. The government is continuously reviewing the progress of science and technology in India and taking appropriate measures from time to time to provide necessary facilities as well as encouragements for scientists in their work.

### Credit Deposit Ratio of Banks

389. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether credit deposit ratio of scheduled commercial banks has gone down in 1986 as compared to 1985; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank of India has reported that the Credit Deposit Ratio of scheduled commercial banks declined from 63% as at the end of December 1985 to 60% as at the end of December 1986. The main reasons for such decline in Credit Deposit Ratio is that the percentage of lendable resources available to banks out of their incremental deposits is less than the current CD ratio on account of Cash Reserve ratio and statutory liquidity ratio requirements.

### Proposal to take more Women into Civil Services

390. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to induct more women into its services through Civil Services Examination;

(b) whether a study was conducted by the Department of Personnel about the success rate of women taking competitive examinations; and

(c) if so, the details of the study report and steps taken to encourage more women to join civil services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Government is keen to induct more women into the services through the Civil Services Examination.