

**PATIL**): (a) to (c). The various manner in which the Government is assisting to develop basic infrastructure for Science and Technology in the States especially the underdeveloped ones are as follows:—

- (1) Formation of state Councils on Science and Technology to identify and support State S&T Plans, programmes, and schemes oriented to the developmental needs of the States. The Department of Science & Technology (DST) extends financial support for the secretariat of the Councils and for organising workshops, seminars etc. by them.
- (2) Assistance for infrastructure development in educational and research institutions in the States through funding of research projects.
- (3) Establishment of Regional Research Laboratories, research stations and extension centres of Central S&T agencies.
- (4) Establishment of Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centres (RSIC) to meet instrumentation need of research and educational institutes as well as of industry in the region.
- (5) Funding of schemes for improving the quality of scientific and technical education especially in backward areas. Specific mention may be made of the programmes supported by the Department of Science and Technology on science motivation for students in the North-Eastern Region, programme on science education, research/innovation and its dissemination in schools of Madhya Pradesh, proposed establishment of a North Eastern Regional Institution on Science and Technology at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

### **Commencement of institute in Arunachal Pradesh to train personnel in science and technology**

682. **SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY**: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Institute in Arunachal Pradesh has been started or come in stream for training of personnel in Science and Technology;

(b) the number of trainees and the level of training imparted; and

(c) the State-wise break-up of trainees.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR)**: (a) Not yet.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

### **Indian Scientists and Engineers working abroad**

683. **SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any inventory of talented Indian Scientists and engineers working abroad;

(b) whether Government have prepared any scheme for utilising such personnel in specific areas of their specialisation;

(c) whether appropriate posts have been created for the purpose by establishing such Indian scientists and engineers working abroad who wish to return to India either permanently or on a temporary basis;

(d) whether any steps are being taken for obtaining scientific know-how from the Indian scientists and engineers working abroad or to encourage them to set up industries in India using such know-how; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATOMIC ENERGY**