

SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The discussion at the 71st Session of the Indian Science Congress held at Ranchi was on the focal theme "Quality science in India—ends and means". The general concern of speakers was the need to improve further the quality of research and the facilities required for the same.

(b) Every university has well established procedure of rigorous assessment of theses before awarding doctorate degrees. The number of science based Ph. Ds per year is about 3,000 and is not considered to be high in relation to the Science and Technology manpower of the country.

(c) Some of the recommendations which emerged out of the deliberations at the said Session are :

- (1) Some of the existing institutions should be asked to give the first training at the national level to the gifted students.
2. Greater research facilities and more fellowships should be made available.
3. Research on Mathematics ought to be strengthened.
4. Good environment for research ought to be created.
5. University research systems need to be strengthened.
6. Interdisciplinary research ought to be emphasised.

(d) No specific information is available. However, a large number of papers are published in national and international journals by research workers. Papers are also presented in the national and international seminars. This helps in the dissemination of results to the scientific community.

(e) Some of the steps taken in this regard are :

The University Grants Commission are

implementing a scheme to improve infrastructural facilities in Universities through a Committee on Selective Infrastructural Support of Science and Technology ; a College Science Improvement Programme has been started ; many Government Departments and Agencies are funding re-research schemes ; Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centres have been established to give Scientists the access to sophisticated instruments ; research equipments can be freely imported by R and D institutions including in-house R and D Units in industry ; incentives for engaging in R and D have been provided to industries ; special schemes for young scientists have been introduced ; a scheme of flexible complementing has been introduced in many scientific institutions supported by the Government, whereby promotions to higher grades are given on the basis of merit and performance irrespective of availability of vacancies in higher grades.

Incidents of Terrorism

6388. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Akali Dal has unleashed another wave of terror in pursuance of the new action programme announced by the Akali Dal on the eve of the Republic Day, 1984 ;

(b) if so, the major incidents of terrorism which have taken place in pursuance of the programme ; and

(c) the number and other details of persons killed and injured and property including public property destroyed as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) to (c). Since 27th January 1984, when the programme of action was announced by the Akali Dal 96 persons have died in agitation or acts of terrorism and violence and 121 persons have been injured in 207 cases during the period 27th January, 1984 to 31st March, 1984. Property worth about Rs. 6 lakhs was estimated to have been damaged.