Shifting of Sample Survey Office from Andhra Pradesh

5194. SHRI K. OBUL REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to shift Regional Sample Survey Office from Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) where will the Sample Survey Office be shifted from Cuddapah?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) With a view to ensuring reasonable and equitably distributed workload and rationalised geographical jurisdiction of the Regions of the National Sample Survey Organisation, a plan scheme for the country as a whole for opening of new Regional Offices and Sub-Regional Offices and re locating some of the existing Regional and Sub-Regional Offices, is under consideration. No decision, however, has so far been taken in the matter.

Appeal Made by Government to Indian Scientists and Technologists Working Abroad to Serve India.

5195. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an appeal was made by Government asking the Indian Scientists and Technologists working abroad to serve India;
- (b) whether any comments from their side have been received by Government that Indian scientists can hardly be blamed for seeking jobs abroad as most of them are thoroughly not satisfied with their unsuitable working conditions here and lack of opportunity:
- (c) whether one of the reasons that only seniority and not the spirit of competence counts in all promotions has also been noticed:
- (d) if so, whether Government are aware that some time the jealousy of older scientists towards brilliant young ones and communal and caste ties operate in many research institutions; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The Government of India welcome Indian Scientists and Technologists working abroad to work in India and all efforts are made to provide suitable opportunities to utilise the expertise and experience of those who wishto contribute towards the development of the country.

- (b) A large number of scientists and technologists continue to work in this country in many interesting and challenging assignments and they have made excellent contributions. The facilities and conditions of work have been steadily improved and further opportunities have been created through large investments in the current Plan.
- (c) A number of schemes of promotion of competent scientists based on their performance have been introduced in research agencies. These systems of advancement are flexible and not based on seniority alone.
- (d) and (e) There are new special scheme for recognising young scientists and providing them research facilities. They are also provided opportunities to attend national and international conferences. Mechanisms exist in research justitutions for objective assessment for the purpose of appointment and advancement and to ensure that Constitutional provisions are observed.

Increase in Post-manufacturing Expenses of tyres

- 5196. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the rate of increase in post-manufacturing expenses (PME) of different types of tyres has gone up by about Rs. 1000/-between 1977-78 to 1981-82;
- (b) whether the PME is being charged by the tyre companies as a percentage of merchandise value of the product;