

So far three persons have been arrested and the matter is under investigation of the Directorate of Enforcement.

N.C.A E.R. Report on Backward Districts of Anantapur and Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh

1021. SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYYA : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research had submitted a report about the backward districts of Anantapur and Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh :

(b) if so, the main feature thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Report has been submitted to the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) According to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the rank indices of overall development for Anantapur and Adilabad districts are 54.3 and 47.0 respectively, as against 61.6 for the entire State of Andhra Pradesh. The position of these districts in comparison to the State in respect of some of the important indicators has been shown to be as follows :

Indicator	Anantapur	Adilabad	State
1. Per worker cultivable area	4.0 acres	3.5 acres	2.6 acres
2. Double-cropped area as a percentage of net sown area	1.5%	0.7%	11.7%
3. Percentage of gross Irrigated area to gross cropped area	13.6%	6.2%	29.0%
4. Index No. of workers in registered factories	50	65	70
5. Mileage of good roads per 100 sq. miles	103	61	126
6. Percentage of literate population			
(a) men	38.5	23.1	36.4
(b) women	10.9	7.6	15.0

The programmes suggested by the NCAER for Anantapur are :

Large-scale soil conservation, afforestation, harnessing of surface and ground water resources, improvement of livestock and sheep and provision of incentives to private entrepreneurs willing to set up industrial units in the district.

The priority programmes suggested for Adilabad District include regulation of

deforestation, extension and improvement of communication facilities, large-scale construction of open wells and tubewells and the setting up of industries based on coal, limestone and wood.

(c) The development of backward areas is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. Action on the report of the NCAER will involve the formulation of district plans for Anantapur and Adilabad in the light of the local problems, potentials

and priorities. The Planning Commission has throughout been advising State Governments to identify their backward areas and to formulate integrated local plans for their accelerated development. After the Government of Andhra Pradesh has formulated its plans for the development of the two districts, those plans will be examined in the Planning Commission and will be dovetailed into the present and future Five Year Plans of the State

**Non-Hereditary Sweepers Employed by Central Government**

1022. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons employed as sweepers in the Central Government belonging to the non-hereditary sweeper communities ;

(b) whether Government have considered any proposal to attract persons belonging to the non-Scheduled Caste communities for employment as sweepers ; and

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions for grant of financial aid to local bodies to raise the emoluments of sweepers so as to attract persons other than hereditary sweepers for employment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Information regarding the number of persons belonging to hereditary and non-hereditary sweeper communities employed as sweepers under the Government is not available.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

**Impact of Scientific Work Being Done in National Laboratories on National Development**

1023. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the scientific work done in the National Laboratories and its impact on national development ; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b). The scientific work of the National Laboratories was last reviewed in 1964 by the Third Reviewing Committee appointed by the President, C.S.I.R. A copy of the Report of the Committee is available in the Library of Parliament. The recommendations of the Committee by and large have been implemented

A Special Report giving the achievements of the National Laboratories and Research Associations and how the results have been harnessed for the purpose of economic development is also available in the Library of Parliament.

**Per Capita National Income**

1024. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita national income during 1966-67 and succeeding years for which figures are available ;

(b) the increase, if any, at constant prices and at current prices from year to year ; and

(c) the real indications therefrom regarding the trend and anticipated quantum of growth during the current Plan period ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The *per capita* national income during 1966-67 and succeeding years for which