

(ख) यदि हा, तो प्रस्ताव की रूपरेखा क्या है ?

प्रधान मंत्री, परमाणु ऊर्जा मंत्री इलैक्ट्रॉनिक्स मंत्री, सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा क्लरिफिकेशन मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी):

(क) जो, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Involvement of Government employees in nation-building task

4138. SHRI K. MALLANNA Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to involve the Government employees in the nation-building task to fulfil the goal towards socialism; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). It is needless to emphasise the importance of the involvement of the Government employees in the nation building task as they are the instruments through which policies and programmes are implemented. Measures that would ensure their more effective involvement in this task will be taken into account while formulating the Fifth Five Year Plan.

Commutation of death sentence of Shri Nagabhusan Patnaik

4139. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 80 Members of Parliament have made an appeal to the

Government for the commutation of death sentence of Shri Nagabhusan Patnaik, a political prisoner, now detained in Central Jail, Vishakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Governor of Andhra Pradesh has rejected the mercy petition of condemned prisoner Nagabhusan Patnaik. The records of the case are awaited from the State Government for consideration of mercy petition by the President.

Financial assistance for the development of backward areas in eastern districts of U.P.

4140. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps have been taken to provide adequate financial assistance for the development of backward areas in eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any suggestion has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) if so, Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.