

Regional Testing Centre in Delhi

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BALIAH Will the Minister of INDUST-
RIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether final decision in the proposal to set up a Regional Testing Centre to test the products manufactured by industries in Delhi and its neighbouring,

(b) if so, the salient features of the decision, and

(c) if not, the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN
ANSARI) (a) to (c) Yes Sir The
scheme for Regional Testing Centre in
Delhi which has been finalised would
cover testing facilities in the field of
(i) Mechanical Measurement and testing
(ii) Physical and Metallurgical
(iii) Chemical and Allied Trades and
(iv) Electrical Trades

**Employment to Graduate Engineers
and 1st Class Science Graduates**

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BALIAH Will the Minister of PLAN-
NING be pleased to state

(a) whether Central Government
propose to guarantee employment to
all graduate engineers and first class
science graduates at the masters level
and above within two years

(b) the salient features of the
scheme drawn for the purpose and

(c) the steps being taken to imple-
ment the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI
MOHAN DHARIA) (a) to (c) Gov-
ernment are fully conscious of the need
to immediately tackle the unemploy-
ment problem among highly qualified

engineers and scientists Every effort
will be made to ensure that employ-
ment opportunities are found for the
current backlog of this category by
the end of the Fourth Plan Apart
from Plan programmes, which have an
employment bias, during recent years
a number of measures have already
been taken and various special em-
ployment programmes initiated to pro-
vide increasing employment opportuni-
ties to all categories of persons parti-
cularly for engineers and other highly
qualified scientists These schemes
mainly emphasise on self-generating
employment, training programmes and
wage employment for productive
purposes These include taking up
of preparatory work in connection
with the projects to be included in the
Fourth and subsequent Plans prepara-
tion of technical reports, expansion of
the training-in-industry programme of
the Ministry of Education, develop-
ment of Indian consultancy organisa-
tions financial assistance to entrepre-
neurs/engineers for setting up small
industries enforcement of the con-
tractual provision requiring approved
contractors to employ qualified engi-
neers encouraging the engineers to set
up cooperatives for undertaking con-
struction work or for setting up repair
and servicing facilities for agricul-
tural machinery in rural areas and devel-
opment of scientific research special
programmes for educated unemployed
persons including engineers and tech-
nicians and scientists comprising
schemes of financial assistance to small
entrepreneurs rural engineering sur-
veys agro service centres investiga-
tion of road projects setting up of
design units for rural water supply,
investigation of irrigation and power
projects surveys of natural resources,
and the Special Employment Pro-
grammes in States and Union Territo-
ries In the special employment pro-
grammes under formulation for 1973-
74 creation of job opportunities for
highly qualified engineers and scien-
tists will be given the first priority
To ensure effective and efficacious for-
mulation and implementation of these
programmes, coordination of this work
will be done by a Special Cell in the