

Financial Assistance to Bihar for providing Employment to Educated Unemployed

2428 SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA.

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) the financial assistance asked for by the Government of Bihar for 1974-75 for providing employment to the educated unemployed persons in the State; and

(b) the amount actually granted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) and (b) Under the Employment Promotion Programme which has been taken up during 1974-75 for providing additional employment to educated persons, the Government of Bihar has been allocated a ceiling amount of Rs 345 crore. The State Government has been asked to formulate schemes in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the Programme

Increase in Postal Rates

2430 SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the likely revenue expected to yield as a result of the increase in postal rates, and

(b) whether the increase has affected the sales in any manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH) (a) Rs. 2576 crores in a year

(b) It is premature at this stage to assess the effect of the increase in the postal rates on the sale of postal stationery or on the postal traffic

Fixing of Priorities for Science and Technology in Fifth Plan

2431 SHRI S N MISRA Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision about fixing of priorities for Science and Technology in the Fifth Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM) (a) and (b) Volume I and II of the Draft Science and Technology Plan (1974-79) which gives *inter-alia* broad outlines of priorities for Science and Technology in the Fifth Five Year Plan was placed on the Table of the House on the 26th March 1974. The areas of priority indicated in the I Draft Science and Technology Plan are agriculture including post-harvest technology, development of coal technology to meet the energy shortage, a comprehensive natural resource appraisal information system for science and technology, utilisation of agricultural industrial and urban wastes, reaction of in house research development and design in industrial units etc.

Report of Inquiry on Seizure of Bombs and Weapons in Kanpur and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

2432 SHRI S N MISRA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received the Report of inquiry relating to seizure of large quantities of bombs and weapons in Kanpur and Lucknow recently

(b) if so the findings of the inquiry, and

(c) action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F H MOHSIN). (a) to (c) The criminal cases registered in this connection are still under investigation