

pulsory fees. The amount can be adjusted against regular scholarship amount;

(ii) Scholarships should be paid to the students, on monthly basis instead of quarterly or six monthly;

(iii) the scheme should be decentralised at least to the level of District Welfare Officers;

(iv) Sufficient blank application forms should be supplied to the educational institutions before the commencement of the academic session so that the candidate, can submit the application forms soon on joining college;

(v) Ad-hoc amount should be placed at the disposal of the college so that payments are made in time; and

(vi) A senior officer should be nominated who will be responsible for overseeing the entire work relating to the disbursement of these scholarships. This should be suitably publicised so that candidates who have any grievance on account of delays may write to him direct instead of approaching the State or Central Govt. The officer should be required to look into such complaints and the causes of delays wherever they occur and take immediate and suitable remedial measures.

(c) A Statement showing the available information as furnished by the State Government regarding the amount granted and the awards made during 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10844/76].

Finalisation of Plan document of Fifth Plan

3830. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have given a definite shape to the Fifth Plan; and

(b) if so, the likely time by which the final plan document will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) and (b). Exercises for updating the Fifth Five Year Plan in the context of the present economic situation are in progress. Attempts are being made to finalise the Fifth Five Year Plan by October, 1976, but in view of the fact that these exercises involve considerable volume of work and consultation with Central Ministries and State Governments it is difficult to precisely indicate when these exercises will be completed.

Visit of Indian Space Scientists to Moscow for Indo-soviet Collaboration in Space Research

3831. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Indian space scientists recently visited Moscow to explore the possibilities of strengthening Indo-Soviet Collaboration in Space research; and

(b) if so, the main features of the programme finalised?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.