

(b) Most of the S&T programmes mentioned above will have research and development conducted in our national laboratories, higher institutions of research and learning and other organisations in the country engaged in research. It is expected that results of research and extension of these results would definitely contribute to the development of the country. Some of the programmes like the installation of gober gas plants and the low cost housing techniques developed will have an impact in the near future itself. However, it would not be correct to assume that we can do away with import of sophisticated technology completely. It will be necessary to import some technologies. Even highly developed or advanced countries in the world like UK, USA, USSR and Japan etc do this.

#### D.A.V.P. Advertisements

1231. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether any rule has been framed to stop the issue of D A V P advertisements being given to news- on which pre-censorship has been imposed by Central or/and State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): There is no such rule. However, the question of Government advertisements being given to newspapers put under pre-censorship is decided on merit of each case.

#### Prices of Essential Commodities

1232. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PANSWAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep fall in the prices of essential commodities since the proclamation of emergency in the country; and

(b) if so, the wholesale price index as on 1st July, 1975 and on 29th February, 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Wholesale Price Indices for the weeks ending 28th June, 1975 and 28th February, 1976 stood at 310.6 and 284.0 respectively, showing a fall of 8.5 per cent in the wholesale prices. This fall has been adequately reflected in the consumer prices. The consumer price index for industrial workers stood at 328 in June, 1975 and 298 in January, 1976, indicating a fall of 9.1 per cent. The consumer price index for agricultural labourers showed a fall of 19.5 per cent during the same period, the index standing at 375 in June, 1975 and 302 in January, 1976.

#### Conference on Fisheries

1233 SHRI P R SHENOY. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether on an all India basis a Conference of Cooperatives dealing in fisheries was held at Ernakulam in February, 1976; and

(b) if so, the proposals made in the Conference and reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important recommendations of the Conference are given in the enclosed statement. The recommendations relating to structure, membership and functions of fisheries cooperatives and also training of their personnel and members, are broadly in line with the approach approved by the Government for development of fisheries cooperatives. The National Cooperative Development Corporation, which convened the Conference, is processing the