

months 98 for six to twelve months, 95 for twelve to eighteen months, 72 for eighteen to twenty-four months and 77 for over 2 years.

(c) The expenditure on the Pool during 1965-66 was Rs. 50.716 lakhs and in 1966-67 was Rs. 48.049 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The policy in respect of training abroad is broadly determined by the manpower needs of the country. However, at a given time, there would be persons trained abroad who may not easily fit into the economy of the country. Government is of the view that scientists trained abroad will, in course of time, be absorbed in some useful activity within the country.

Itarsi Telephone Exchange

1647. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Itarsi Telephone Exchange is old and defective;

(b) whether it is also a fact that headphones, other accessories and clocks there, are inadequate;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither there is adequate furniture nor place for relaxation for the Exchange staff; and

(d) if so, the action being taken to improve the matters?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) No, Sir. The exchange was installed in 1959. It is not defective and is in working order.

(b) Accessories and clocks have been provided, Separate Head-gear sets to individual operators could however not be supplied due to their extreme shortage.

(c) Due to paucity of accommodation, a retiring room has had to be improvised by enclosing the verandah. Adequate furniture is available.

(d) Proposal for extension of the existing building has already been taken up. Action is also being taken to provide separate head-gear sets to individual Telephone operators.

National Laboratories

1648. Shri Virendrakumar Shah: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in the National Laboratories so far;

(b) the yardstick devised by Government to assess the performance of the National Laboratories; and

(c) the commercial value of the research done so far by these Laboratories?

The Minister of Education (Dr. Triguna Sen): (a) Rs. 113.98 crores have been invested as under:

Capital	: Rs. 40.37 crores
Recurring	: Rs. 73.61 crores.
Total	: Rs. 113.98 crores

(b) No common yardstick can be devised to assess the performance of National Laboratories covering widely differing disciplines in science and technology. However, periodic performance reviews are conducted by the Reviewing Committees appointed from time to time under Rule 57 of the Rules and Regulations and By-laws of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a copy of which is available in the Library of Parliament.

(c) By and large, research work is not susceptible to commercial assessment. However, broad information relating to commercial utilisation of processes/products developed by the National Laboratories/Institutes is contained in the brochures entitled "Research for Industry" and "Data on Research Utilisation 1965", copies of which are available in the Library of Parliament.