

(ii) Sample rooms have been set up at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras where samples of various imported items have been displayed. Intending manufacturers visit these sample rooms where guidance is provided by technical personnel.

(iii) Help is afforded to the firms on which orders are placed, for the procurement of controlled or scarce raw materials.

(iv) Import licences are granted for getting necessary balancing equipment, if necessary.

(v) On account payment facility is given for the purchase of raw materials and components.

(vi) Where development costs are heavy or where the purchaser has to undertake several experiments and trials to meet specifications such expenses are reimbursed by the Government.

(vii) Manufacturers who develop an item are given order for 100% of the first year's requirements, 80% of the requirement of the second year and substantial portion of the requirements in subsequent years.

(c) Information to the extent possible will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Study of working of Indian Embassy at Washington

2495 SHARI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Inter-Ministry team of Inspectors inspected the Indian Mission in Washington recently to study its working;

(b) if so, the nature of the study carried out by the team of Inspectors;

(c) the salient features of report given by the team; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government as a result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Reports of the Inspection Team, is awaited.

(d) Does not arise at present.

Committee on Science And Technology

2496. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any Committee on Science and Technology to advise Government on matters relating to the development in these fields ; and

(b) If so, the personnel of the Committee and what are the recommendations made by the Committee with special reference to the Fourth Plan?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir ; the Committee on Science and Technology (Cost) advises Government on matters relating to science and technology.

(b) The composition of the COST is shown in the attached statement. COST has made several recommendations which have a bearing on the Fourth Plan. Some of these are:-

(i) To make a provision for funds to carry out development and pilot plant studies of identified areas of scientific achievement in our laboratories which have a great potential for contributing towards economic growth, so that these can be taken from the laboratory stage

to a stage where they are readily acceptable by industry. On the recommendation of COST, Planning Commission has made a provision for it in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(ii) In relation to the approach of the Fourth Five Year Plan, COST has set up Committee and Panels in association with the Planning Commission for studies in the following areas which have important bearing on development during the Fourth Five Year Plan and in the long run :

- (a) Minerals;
- (b) Water Resources-Proper utilisation and Conservation
- (c) Irrigated farming;
- (d) Dry farming;
- (e) Agro-chemicals;
- (f) Non-ferrous metals;
- (g) High polymers;
- (h) Ceramics;
- (i) Fine chemicals including biochemicals;
- (j) Drugs, pharmaceuticals, microbiological products and petrochemicals;
- (k) Survey of our current natural resources and suggest methods of conservation and proper utilization;
- (l) Fertiliser technology;
- (m) Semi-conductor-grade silicon.

Statement

Composition of the COST

1. Dr. B. D. Nag Chaudhuri, Mem-

ber, Planning Commission (Chairman)

2. Shri B. Sivaraman, Cabinet Secretary (Vice Chairman)
3. Dr. Atma Ram, Director-General, CSIB, New Delhi.
4. Dr. Dasarathi Banerjee, Technical Director and Adviser to the National Rubber Manufacturers Ltd., Calcutta.
5. Scientific Adviser to Minister of Defence.
6. Dr. A. R. Kidwai, Member, UPSC, New Delhi.
7. Dr. D. S. Kothari, Chairman, University Grants Commission.
8. Dr. S. K. Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, Kalyani University, Kalyani.
9. Dr. B. P. Pal, Director-General ICAR, New Delhi.
10. Dr. K. N. Raj, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi.
11. Dr. C. R. Rao, Director, Research and Training School Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta.
12. Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai, Chairman, Atomic Energy, Commission, and Secretary, Deptt. of Atomic Energy, Appollo Pier Road, Bombay.
13. Shri H. N. Sethna, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay.
14. K. V. Subrahmanyam, Retired Professor of Mining Engineering, Madras.
15. P. N. Wahi, Director-General, ICMR, New Delhi.