

during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint against their working and of over-charging by the institutions;

(d) if so, the action taken therefor; and

(e) if there is any proposal for nationalisation of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of "Bombay-Karnataka" Area

6133. SHRI S. T. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area, popularly known as Bombay Karnataka area, comprising Bijapur, Dharwar, Belgaum and Karwar has been totally neglected; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction special funds for development of this area; if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Development of backward areas within a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, while finalising the overall Central assistance, due weightage is given to backwardness of State. Besides all the 4 districts, namely, Bijapur, Dharwar, Belgaum and Karwar have been recognised as Industrially Backward Districts and incentives like concession in the areas of licensing, investment subsidies, income-tax relief, assistance from

financial institutions etc. are being given to them. Districts of Bijapur, Belgaum and Dharwar are covered under DPAP (Drought Prone Area Programme) and Karwar (North Kanara), Dharwar and Belgaum under "Western Ghats Development Programme".

CSIR Scientists sent Abroad

6134. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of scientists from CSIR have been sent abroad:

(b) if so, the number of scientists sent abroad during the last three years with the duration of their stay abroad and under what programmes/schemes they were sent abroad; and

(c) the criteria for sending scientists abroad and whether these criteria are being strictly adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of scientists who went abroad during the last 3 years is as follows:

1987-88	:	540
1988-89	:	630
1989-90	:	588

The visits were for different purposes/programmes e.g. for participation in Conferences, scientific exchange programmes, bilateral S&T projects, fellowships and training, on study tour, and assignments as