

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

experts under UNDP programmes etc.

The duration normally varied from a few days to a few months/years under the above programmes.

(c) Selections are made on specific guidelines formulated by an Expert Committee. Under these guidelines the proposals are to be first scrutinised by the Internal Committees at the respective Laboratories/Institutes before recommending to CSIR. The visits under bilateral programmes of CSIR and for collaborative projects are finalised on the recommendations of the High Level Departmental Committee appointed by the Director-General, CSIR. The guidelines laid down are strictly adhered to while making selections for the Scientists' visits abroad.

Separate List of Hindi Experts

6135. PROF. SHAILENDRANATH SHRIVASTAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no mention of Hindi experts in the lists of experts of various subjects prepared by University Grants Commission and Hindi has been mentioned under lists of various languages;

(b) if so, whether University Grants Commission will take necessary action to prepare an independent and separate list for Hindi, and if so, when; and

(c) the steps taken in regard to giving adequate representation in the aforesaid list of Hindi experts of both Hindi and non-Hindi speaking States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY

OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it has 16 panels of experts in various subjects. Experts on Hindi are included in panel for Modern India, other Oriental & African Languages and Literature. There is no proposal to constitute a separate expert panel for Hindi.

Financial assistance to Wardha Plan

6136. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have furnished a revised proposal of Wardha Plan based on Gandhian philosophy of Antodaya seeking additional financial assistance from the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the action taken by government thereon;

(c) whether special financial assistance has been provided by the Planning Commission for execution of district plans in selected pilot districts in the country and if so the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken for clearance of Wardha Plan and the quantum of central assistance proposed for the plan?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Maharashtra State government had forwarded in April 1984 a draft Wardha Plan involving an outlay of Rs. 183.94 crores including Centre's share of Rs. 13.91 crores. Subsequently, the State Government revised the draft plan to Rs. 178.42 crores including Centre's share of Rs. 13.24 crores. Since the document did not fully reflect the principles and philosophy of Gandhiji, the State Government was advised to reexamine the schemes in greater detail.