

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of cases in which prosecution were launched</i>	<i>No. of cases in which judgements have been delivered by the Courts</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1989	415	40
1990	371	6

(b) It is not possible to indicate the average time taken in launching prosecution and securing Judgements as it varies according to the nature of individual cases and the work load in the Courts.

(c) Steps are taken wherever possible to reduce the time involved in the process of law.

[*Translation*]

Gallantry Award to Home Guards Personnel

1731. SHAIENDRANATH SHRIVASTAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home Guards personnel are awarded 'Gallantry Awards' like the Police and Para-Military personnel;

(b) if so, whether the personnel of Police, Border Security Force and Central Security Forces awarded with 'Gallantry Award' are given financial benefits throughout their period of service while the Home Guards personnel are not given such benefits; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Home

Guards personnel who are essentially volunteers are awarded president's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medals and Home Guards and Civil Defence Medals for conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property or in preventing crime or arresting criminals.

(b) the award for gallantry to Home Guards, carries a lump sum monetary grant of Rs. 3,000/- for President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medals for gallantry and Rs. 1,500/- for Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for gallantry.

(c) Since 'Home Guards' is a voluntary force comprising essentially of volunteers and only a nucleus of full time paid staff the question of comparing their position with other paramilitary/Central Security Forces does not arise.

[*English*]

Employment Generating Projects of Science and Technology

1732. SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA: SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched various programmes/schemes under Science and Technology in the field of