

[*Translation*]

DR. B.L. SHAILESH: I am referring to the Bahujan Samajwadi Party which is receiving funds from abroad. Their historic meeting was also held within the premises of a Christian School.

[*English*]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I would have to run through the whole list to see whether Bahujan Samajwadi Party is there or not. To the best of my knowledge, the Bahujan Samajwadi Party does not receive any foreign contribution. But I do not wish to assert it now. I will have to go through the list. I will send this information to the hon. Member. But I am reasonably sure that Bahujan Samajwadi Party is not an organisation which has received foreign contribution.

Technology Missions for Technical Know-how to Industrial establishments

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SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM
SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technology Mission are functioning in different States to provide technical know-how to industrial establishments particularly to medium and small-scale units and other centres of developmental activities;

(b) if so, the details of their functioning and the benefits provided by them to the above units/centres;

(c) whether State Governments have any role to play in the Technology Missions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). National Technology Missions are being implemented in the States. Utilization of existing, improved and new technologies play an important role in achieving the objectives of the Missions. Industries—large, medium and small are involved

in the process.

(c) and (d). The State Governments are responsible for implementation of the programme of the Technology Missions under the overall guidance of National Mission Directors. The State Governments have drawn up detailed plans of operation. The Technology Mission on Telecommunications is implemented directly by the Central Government with the cooperation of State Governments.

Mission Directors at States level are expected to ensure implementation of the Programme of Technology Missions in their respective States.

The Mission Directors at Central level review and monitor the progress and facilitate the implementation of the programmes at State level

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SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know the results of the Central and State level review of the Technology Mission. Will the hon. Minister give necessary information in this regard?

[*English*]

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: Sir, all the Missions have made considerable progress. Most of them have reached the target or are near the target. As regards the specific progress made, there is long list and there is hardly any time to read it out. I would like to send this to the hon. Member in writing.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Prime Minister had made some announcements on 18th May in regard to the Technology Mission for Floods. I want to know from the hon. Minister the action taken by his department following these announcements by the hon. Prime Minister? (*Interruptions*) The hon. Prime Minister's announcement regarding the control of floods in Bihar was made in Purnea.

[*English*]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): We are looking at it and seeing how we can coordinate it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour is over.