

of equipment for the Ground Station is still under consideration.

(b) It is proposed to set up the Ground Station by the end of 1968.

(c) The present indications are that about 20 countries, including India, will operate with the Indian Ocean Satellite as soon as they are technically equipped to do so. The names of these countries are U.K., Germany, Italy, Spain, Nigeria, East Africa, Zambia, Baharain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Hongkong, Ceylon, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Australia.

(d) The existing system will continue to be used for communications with countries which will not have switched over to satellite working, and any equipment becoming surplus will be diverted for other internal requirements.

#### National Research Laboratories

\*1408. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:  
Shri K. Ramani:  
Shri E. K. Nayanar:  
Shri Mohammad Ismail:  
Shri N. R. Patil:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Research Laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research have sought greater measure of autonomy;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to remove the discontentment amongst the scientists and research scholars employed in these laboratories;

(c) what are the recommendations of the Ramaswamy Mudaliar Review Committee on Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the Laboratories are able to function independently within the general policies of the Council?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. Triguna Sen):** (a) Yes, Sir. A few Directors of the National Laboratories/Institutes have sent proposals for greater measure of autonomy for consideration at the next Directors' Conference.

(b) the Government is committed to follow the steps outlined in the Scientific Policy Resolution of 4th March, 1958.

(c) The recommendations of the Ramaswamy Mudaliar Reviewing Committee on C.S.I.R. has been published in the form of a Report, a copy of which is available in the Library of Parliament.

(d) The functions and powers of the Governing Body of the C.S.I.R. have been considerably delegated to the Executive Councils of the National Laboratories/Institutes so that they may manage the affairs of the laboratories within the allotted budget provisions. Besides, the Directors/Heads of the National Laboratories/Institutes have been delegated wide financial and administrative powers. As far as research is concerned, they have the fullest scope operationally.

#### मध्य प्रदेश में शिक्षा का स्तर

\*1409. श्री एं० च० दीक्षित : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में सब से अधिक पिछड़ा हुआ राज्य है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस राज्य को शिक्षा के मामले में अन्य राज्यों के समान लाने के लिये कोई योजना तैयार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?