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Pay revision in CSIR

3804. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that pay scales of Office Assistants (Gen.), Assistants (F&A) and Senior Stenographers of CSIR had been replaced to Rs. 1640-2900/- with effect from 1st January, 1986, through an office order during June, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Finance Ministry has agreed to the above replacement;

(c) if not, whether the competent authority of CSIR has got powers to approve such revision even if the Finance Ministry has not agreed for the same; and

(d) whether the above power would be applied to revise the pay structure of Junior/Senior Technical Assistants working in National laboratories of CSIR?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir, The President CSIR in exercise of powers conferred upon vide Rule 41 of CSIR Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws approved the revision.

(d) CSIR is under directions from the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Bangalore, Bench as regards revision of scales in respect of Senior/Junior Technical Assistants. The matter is under examinations in pursuance thereof.

Indo-US Science and technology forum

3805. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and US has signed an agreement to step up an Indo-US Science and Technology Forum;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the Forum; and

(d) the way it would be facilitated in spite of continuing sanctions;

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Yes sir, an agreement on the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum was signed on March 21, 2000 in New Delhi. The main objectives of the Forum are: 1) to facilitate and promote Indo-US interaction of governments, academia and industry in Science and Technology and other related areas 2) to focus on issues of common concern and activities of mutual benefit while exploring trends in science and technology. 3) to promote research and development, the transfer of technology and creation of a comprehensive electronic reference source for Indo-US Science and Technology Cooperation. 4) to promote an active electronic exchange of ideas and opportunities in Indo-US Science and Technology Cooperation.

The sanctions are applicable only to a set of institutions of the entity list from which 52 Indian institutions have been removed recently. A vast majority of Indian academic and research institutions that are not on the entity list are not affected by the sanctions and these institutions would be able to participate in forum activities without any hindrance.

Damage of Lucky Art paper at NISCOM

3806. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director-in-Charge of National Institute of Science Communication, a constituent establishment of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri A.K. Sen to examine the damage of Lucky Art paper in the store of NISCOM:

(b) if so, the details of the Committee's report; and

(c) any member/members of the above Committee facing an inquiry with the Central Vigilance Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The committee having examined the matter submitted its Report. The committee found that the Art paper got damaged due to dampness. Out of the 59 reams, print worthy paper equal to 25 reams has been retrieved.

(c) Yes Sir, the member convenor of the committee is facing a Departmental inquiry with the Central Vigilance Commission.