

**Posting of Joint Secretaries etc.
abroad**

2187. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Officers of the rank
of Joint Secretaries and above have
been deputed abroad during the
last three years; and

(b) if so, the names of the
officers, their period of visit, purpose
of the visit and the amount spent
by the respective Ministries, if sent
on Government expenditure; and
contributions made in public in-
terest ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND
THE MINISTER OF PERSON-
NEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISH-
WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a)
and (b) The information is not
centrally available.

**Flexible Complementing Scheme
for promotion of scientists**

2188. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have
introduced Flexible Complementing
Scheme for career promotion of
Scientists in various scientific Minis-
tries/Departments;

• (b) if so, whether pay-pattern
and designations in the Flexible
Complementing Scheme are uniform
in all the Ministries/Departments;
and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor
and the steps proposed to be taken
to make them uniform to encourage
inter-departmental movement of
Scientists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE

AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.
G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The pay patterns and
designations of Scientific and Tech-
nical personnel in the various Minis-
tries/Departments are not uniform.
Moreover, the duties and functions
of technical personnel also vary.
An Inter-departmental Committee
under the chairmanship of the then
Scientific Adviser to the Prime Mi-
nister and Member (Science), Plan-
ning Commission, has been worked
on a package aimed at attaining
maximum uniformity of pay scales
and promotion opportunities Under
the Flexible Complementing Scheme
(FCS) in the various scientific de-
partments over a period of time.
It may be noted that under the
FCS, a scientist gets *in-situ* pro-
motion personal to him or her and
does not imply that there will be
an inter-departmental movement.
Under the rules of deputation, a
scientist can, however, go to another
scientific department keeping a lien
in the parent department. A greater
degree of uniformity in pay-scales/
promotions is desirable to make
easier inter-departmental movement
of Scientists.

**Improvement in High School educa-
tion in rural areas**

2189. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN
REDDY: Will the PRIME MI-
NISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has
been undertaken for improvement
of physical infrastructure in High
School education in rural areas;
and

(b) if so, what steps Govern-
ment propose to take in this re-
gard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
^SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA