

Setting up of a science and Technology Commission

4366. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is considering or the setting up of a National Science and Technology Commission to help integrate science and technology into planning :

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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 (c) The Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, has suggested the establishment of a National Science and Technology Commission, to help in integrating Science & Technology into planning, to identify appropriate technology missions, and to coordinate and whenever necessary to manage collaboration between the different agencies of the Government, concerned with technology development economic planning and financial resources, as well as with private and public sector industries. The Government has yet to take a decision on the suggestion made by the Council.

Overstay abroad of experts of various organisations

4367. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases in which experts from various organisations/autonomous bodies/public sector undertakings had overstayed abroad at the end of 1987 stating the period of their overstay and the

number of cases in which permission to overstay was granted by the respective organisations;

(b) the number of experts who have since taken up jobs in the countries in violation of the contracts at the end of 1987 and the field of their expertise; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) There were 240 cases of experts continuing on deputation, as at the end of 1987, beyond five years. Permission to continue on deputation beyond five years was granted in 220 of the 240 cases, as at the end of 1987.

(b) As at the end of 1987, 20 experts continued on foreign assignments without the requisite permission being granted. Their fields of expertise are as per the attached statement. (See below).

(c) In all such cases where extension of deputation is not granted, the concerned expert is asked to revert to the parent organisation immediately, or resign or seek voluntary retirement, failing which suitable action is recommended to be taken against him.