

(to) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether all State Governments have been asked by the Planning Commission to set up independent department of science and technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) As indicated in the Approach to the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) maximum effect would be made to ensure that Science and Technology appear as an essential and integral part of all major socio-economic activities. Towards this, structural changes will be brought about so that the S&T component gets appropriately reflected in the Plans of all Central Ministries/Departments as also of the State Governments. Linkages between research in production and service sectors, educational institutions and national laboratories, decision making bodies and users are proposed to be established. Several mechanisms are being evolved to cover technology forecasting, technology assessment, absorption and adaptation to imported technology, mechanisms to facilitate technology diffusion, growth and greater utilisation of design, engineering and consultancy organisations etc.

(c) All the State Governments and UTs. have been requested by the Planning Commission to set up Science and Technology Councils/Departments.

#### **Tourist Literature in India**

77. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of September 12, 1984 under the caption 'India's tourist literature poor, say U.K. writers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to bring out improved tourist literature in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The literature produced by the Department in the form of folders/brochures/posters is comparable to international standards. Such literature produced on India has in the past won a large number of national and international awards for excellence in printing and designing. Improving the quality of tourist literature and keeping them updated is a continuous exercise which is being undertaken by the Department in consultation with the overseas offices media representatives, India Tourism Development Corporation and the Travel Trade.

#### **Setting up of Hotels near Airports and Tourist resorts**

78. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines and India Tourism Development Corporation have "decided recently to collaborate to set up hotels near airports and tourist resorts in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) India Tourism Development Corporation and the Airline Allied Services Ltd. (a subsidiary Company of Indian Airlines) have a proposal to tie up a project for constructing a Hotel-cum-flight Kitchen at Madras Airport where ITDC will render technical consultancy and managerial services. This project is subject to receipt of Government approval to the formation of the subsidiary Company.

#### **Guidelines to States for Streamlining Official Machinery**

79. SHRI RAFTQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government have recently sent a set of guide-

lines to the State Governments for streamlining official machinery to ensure a clean and efficient administration and

(b) if so, what are the details -there of? ;

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The Conference of Chief Secretaries, held on 4th and 5th February, 1985, reviewed various administrative reform measures. These included reforms in the delivery of supplies and services to the public, improvement in personnel management and training, increased delegation of powers with better supervision and monitoring, simplification of rules-and procedures and modernisation of government offices. Arrangements for redress of public grievances and measures for curbing corruption in administration were also discussed.

#### **Pakistan Nuclear Explosion Capability**

80. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:  
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 23rd February, 1985 to the effect that Islamabad is on the threshold of being capable of exploding a nuclear device;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government of India to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have noted with concern reports which have appeared in the international media from time to time as well as statements by responsible US Government officials regarding the possibility of Pakistan's nuclear programme having a non-peaceful dimension.

Government are monitoring with utmost vigil all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

#### **Setting up of a Central National Integration Body**

HI. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minorities Commission in its latest report submitted to Government has suggested for the setting up of a 'Central National Integration Body' to coordinate efforts to provide social, economic and political justice to the minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The Minorities Commission has recently submitted its Report to the Government. The printed copies of the Report have not so far been received. The Report is being processed by the Government. It is difficult at this stage to view any single recommendation in isolation from other issues I recommendations.

#### **P.M.'s talks with Sri Lankan Minister of Internal Security on Tamil Issue**

SHRIV. GOPAL SAMY, SHRI L. GANESAN;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of the talks between Turn and the Minister of Internal Security of Sri Lanka when the latter recently visited India; and