

■ (5) Considering:

(a) Filling critical gaps in national competence;

(b) promoting technical cooperation among developing countries; and

(c) other issues concerning science in international relations.

**Suspension of a Scientist of Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu-Tawi**

892. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA  
HEPTULLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news reports which appeared in the press recently to the effect that Dr. Gupta, a Scientist of Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu-Tawi who had discovered some new drugs, has been put under suspension by the Director; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The Drug Research Programme at the Laboratory is handled by a Drug Development Group, consisting of Pharmacologists, Organic Chemists, Botanists, Biochemists and Drug Metabolism staff. This is a multi-disciplinary coordinated team effort and a number of interesting leads have been developed by this team. Dr. Gupta has been a Pharmacologist member of this group.

The said Scientist was suspended pending inquiry into certain irregularities alleged to have been committed by him and

a charge sheet was served on him, as per rules. The suspension order has, however, since been revoked.

**New Patents by RRL, Jammu**

893. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA  
HEPTULLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new patents developed by the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu since 1971; and

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the research workers of RRL, Jammu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) Twelve. Five of these were abandoned. Six expired after the full term of seven years. One was allowed to lapse after four years.

(b) No representation regarding patents has been received from research workers of RRL, Jammu.

**Functioning of RRL, Jammu**

894. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA  
HEPTULLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the 'Kashmir Times' of 26th March, 1982 regarding a CBI probe into the functioning of the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the Press Report. No raid was conducted by C.B.I., but a C.B.I. Inspector came for enquiry regarding sale of old empty wooden packing cases. He was shown the relevant documents. C.B.I. have not contacted CSIR since.

#### Setting up of a Technology City in USA

895. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily 'Telegraph' (Calcutta) of 5th August, 1982 to the effect that Indian scientists and technologists in US were planning to set up a technology city in USA;

(b) if so, what are the names and status of the members of the committee both on Indian and US sides;

(c) by when the final blue print thereof is expected; and

(d) the details of guidance given to Indian scientists by the Prime Minister during the course of her visit to USA?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A large group of Indian scientists and technologists in USA have indicated that they would like to launch a major initiative for organising a large demonstrative-cum-training project in the form of Technology City in India by which Indian S&T personnel in United States could help to develop and spread socially relevant technology. The proposal is yet to be fully formulated.

(d) At the meeting of scientists with the Prime Minister during her visit to USA, several scientists expressed their desire to contribute more actively to S&T efforts in India and sought guidance on what they could do for the country. The Prime Minister referred to some of the pressing needs of the country and to the pivotal role of S&T personnel in meeting the challenges posed by problems such as energy and fuel, wood shortage unemployment, leprosy, tuberculosis, blindness and vector-borne and parasitic diseases. She stressed the need for technology to be compatible with the socio-economic conditions prevailing in India, low cost, employment intensive and ecologically sound and help to optimise benefits from locally available resources.

#### Exploration of Outer Space

†896. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the conclusions arrived at the second United Nations Conference on exploration and peaceful uses of outer space held in August this year; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The Second United Nations Conference on Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE) in Vienna in August, 1982 discussed various issues relating to Space, such as the use of Space for military purposes, remote sensing, equitable distribution of geostationary orbit and dissemination of satellite data. Certain consensus formulations were arrived at on all these issues. The Conference in general helped developing countries, particularly those who are non-members of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to be

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