

नहीं दिया गया है। आशा है कि इन प्रस्तावों को शीघ्र संसद में लाया जाएगा।

Alternate fuel for vehicles

442. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experiments have been conducted by our scientists engaged in the search for alternative fuels for vehicles; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The work so far has covered the use of alcohol in engines and the development of battery powered vehicles. Other suggestions include the use of producer gas and hydrogen for vehicle engines. Work is continuing to establish the technical and economic feasibility of these alternatives.

Investment by non-resident Indians in the field of Electronics

443. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to correct the excessive emphasis on the role of public sector in electronics field by encouraging investment by non-resident Indian professionals; and

(b) if so, what are the concessions offered to them to make them interested?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) There is no excessive emphasis on the public sector in electronics.

Public sector units account for only about half of the annual electronics production. Out of that half, about two-thirds of the production relates to high technology items for aerospace, communication and defence which are of strategic importance and for which public sector undertakings have been specially set up. Government has been encouraging investment by non-resident Indian professionals by issuing industrial licenses liberally and by providing incentives for import of capital goods/ consumables. The incentives provided to Indians returning from or residing abroad in this regard are announced from time to time in the Import Policy of Government. As far as Electronics is concerned, the Department of Electronics has formulated a special project on 'Utilisation of Talented Indian Scientists and Engineers Working Abroad' as a part of its Annual Plan for 1982-83. The proposal has since been approved by the Planning Commission and a distinct sub-budget head has been created in the budget of DOE for the purpose.

Plan outlays

444. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual Plan outlays from 1977-78 to 1981-82 State and year-wise;

(b) the actual share of Central assistance and the percentage thereof in the States' Plan outlay from 1977-78 to 1981-82 State-wise; and

(c) the per capita central assistance to the annual State Plan for each State, year-wise from 1977-78 to 1981-82?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the Statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Unstarred Question No 349 answered on