

**Job guarantee scheme**

201. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to launch a Job Guarantee Scheme on the lines of the Maharashtra Government's Scheme; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TEWARI) : (a) and (b) The 1980—85 Plan is in the formulation stage and schemes for employment would come up for examination.

**Priority of 'Garibi Hatao' Programme**

202. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has directed all the Union and State Ministries to give priority to 'Garibi Hatao' Programme;

(b) whether the Prime Minister has impressed upon the Central Government's Departments and State Governments that 20 point programme should be severely implemented;

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government and the State Governments have taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Planning Commission was also directed that the annual plans and the Sixth Five Year Plan should also give stress on the implementation of the 20 point programme; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TEWARI): (a) 'Garibi Hatao' or removal of poverty is a major objective of planning in the country

(b) to (e) It is the declared policy of Government to revitalise the 20-Point Programme and implement it

in a dynamic manner. Ample provision has been made in the Annual Plan for 1980-81 for the various items included in the 20-Point Programme and it would be taken into account while finalising the new Five Year Plan, 1980—85. Appropriate policy measures and administrative action are also being taken to effectively implement the programme.

**Association of scientists and graduates with the planning process**

203. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to associate scientists and graduates with planning process by the Planning Commission;

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

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) to what extent the association of youth will be helped?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TEWARI): (a) to (d) Preliminary discussions have been held to consider a suggestion of setting up an organisation or association of young scientists which could be helpful in involving the younger generation of students and scholars in promoting a culture of science for development. This proposal is to be further discussed during formulation of the Five Year Plan (1980—85):

**New approach to correct regional imbalance**

204. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:  
SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA  
NAIDU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a new approach with a twin objective of correcting the existing