

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) 'Garihi 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