

Finalisation of the Sixth Five Year Plan

*267. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH;
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA;
SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN;

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the finalisation of the Sixth Five Year Plan has been completed by now;

(b) what are the sectors which are proposed to be given priority in the Plan;

(c) by when the Plan would be laid on the Table of the House;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay in finalizing the Plan; and

(e) whether Government propose to convene a meeting of the National Development Council to consider the revised text of the Plan before its final adoption?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI):
(a) to (e) The Planning Commission is currently engaged in the preparation of a new Sixth Five Year Plan. The Plan will generally aim at a growth rate of national income of 5 per cent per annum but the possibility of a higher growth rate will also be explored in the course of the Plan formulation. The Plan document is expected to be ready by December 1980 and it will thereafter be submitted for consideration by the National Development Council. Several exercises are under way in the Planning Commission in close consultation with the Central Ministries and the State Governments with regard to financial resources, sectoral investments and priorities. It is however, not possible to indicate specific details about them at this stage. The Plan will be presented to the House in due course.

Annual growth rate fixed in the Sixth Five Year Plan

*268. SHRI ERA SEZHIYAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of 5 per cent annual growth rate has been fixed in the revised Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to undertake to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI):
(a) Yes, Sir, tentatively. At the same time, the possibilities of achieving a higher growth rate will also be explored while formulating the Plan, 1980-85.

(b) Exercises are under way to work out details in this regard.

Guidelines in regard to expenses in connection with election Tours of the Prime Minister

*269. SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:
SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any guidelines in regard to the expenses incurred in connection with the election tours of the Prime Minister;

(b) what decision has been taken for recovering the expenses incurred in such tours on the Prime Minister's entourage; and

(c) whether the guidelines are being uniformly applied for the Prime Minister's election tours and of those in the Opposition parties in Parliament?