

nue therefrom to the States. The other matters are proposed to be discussed in the Conference of State Chief Ministers to be held on May 19-20, 1979.

Gadgil formula for Central assistance under Sixth Plan

1166. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any representations from State Governments to accept Gadgil formula for Central assistance under the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and which States have made such representations;

(c) what decisions Government have taken on these representations; and

(d) by when the decisions taken are likely to be communicated to the concerned State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR REHMAN): (a) The question of Central Assistance was considered at the meeting of the N.D.C. held on 24th and 25th of February, 1979. In that meeting, it was decided that of the total Central assistance available for State Plans for the four years 1979-83, Rs. 1800 crores should be reserved for special category States, Rs. 600 crores for special problems of States and Rs. 4200 crores distributed among the 14 non-special category States, on the basis of the various criteria laid down in the Gadgil Formula, except the one relating to special problems. Besides, it was decided that an amount of Rs. 2000 crores to be released over the next four years by certain modifications in the Central and Centrally-sponsored schemes should be distributed among the 14 non-special category States on the basis of Income Adjusted Total Population of each State (IATP), i.e. the inverse of per capita

State income multiplied by population. Besides, additional Central assistance is being given for hill and tribal areas, the programme of the North Eastern Council and externally-aided schemes.

Since then, no representation has been received from any State Government for a change or modification in these decisions.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Review of the ISRO's functioning

1167. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any review of the functioning of the Indian Space Research Organisation in terms of its technological feasibility;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the review; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to review the functioning of the Indian Space Research Organisation in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The review has indicated that for a country of the size of India, the Space Programmes, undertaken after examination of their technical feasibility are eminently suited for application of space research for identified large scale national tasks such as rapid enhancement of literacy and national integration through mass communications and the effective and timely management of our natural resources and providing warning for natural disasters and monitoring their effects.

(c) Does not arise.