

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: SHRI

V. B. RAJU: SHRI CHANDRA
SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to liter to the answer to Starred Question 52? given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th Deccmembr, 1973 and state:

fa) whether a final decision has been taken about fixing the priorities for science and technology in the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

A copy of the Draft Science & Technology Plan has already been placed on the Table of the House. It will be seen that the areas of priority indicated in the Draft Science and Technology Plan arc agriculture including post-harvest technology, development of coal technology to meet the energy shortage, a comprehensive natural resources appraisal, information system for science and technology, utillsa tion of agricultural, industrial and urban wastes, creation of in-house research, development and design facilities in industrial units etc.

Delay in the Delivery of Mail

•98. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI K.

CHANDRASHE-
KHARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-
TIONS be pleased to state:

fa) whether it is a fact that there have been delays in delivery of mail as a result of Indian Airlines discontinuing carrying of mail; and

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(b) if so, the steps Government propose to
fake in this regard!-

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI K.
BRAHMANANDA

REDDY): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines have not discontinued carriage of mails. Compared to the transit time when the Indian Airlines was functioning normally, the transit time during the IA strike or lockout was more. With the additional sei-'ices introduced from 18-3-74, there has been improvement. The pre-strike or lock-out position will be restored when the Might Air Mail Service resumes, for which close liaison is being maintained with the Indian Airlines.

Setting up a Precision Instruments Project at Palghat

•99. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the
Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
MENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNO
LOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government for setting up a Precision Instruments Project at Palghat as an independent unit; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government in this tegaYd?

HIE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRA-
MAXIAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of production capacity by M/s. Mohan Meakin Breweries Ltd.

•100. SHRI S. G. SARDESAI:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI
KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: