

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 refer to the answer to Starred Question 528 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th December, 1973 and state:

(a) 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 are 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, utilisation 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. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) 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

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (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 lock-out was more. With the additional services introduced from 18-3-74, there has been improvement. The pre-strike or lock-out position will be restored when the Night 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 DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY 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 regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (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: