

ed expenditure in regard to the Agriculture, Irrigation and Power sectors exceeds the Plan provision by about Rs. 206 crores. As against this the performance in respect of Industry, Transport, Social Services and other programmes shows that expenditure in the first two years falls short of the provision by about Rs. 353 crores.

While these figures are not final, the Planning Commission is engaged in a midterm appraisal, to review the current position and assess the outlook for the future. In this connection, the Deputy Chairman has written letters to Central Ministers and Chief Ministers/Governors of States and Union Territories asking them to review the implementation of Plan schemes. He has also highlighted the short-falls and indicated the areas that call for improvement. Discussions are now being held in the Planning Commission with the representatives of the Central Ministries, State Governments and Union Territories. The exercise on the midterm Appraisal is expected to be over soon.

SCIENTISTS POOL FOR SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS ABROAD

589. SHRIMATI VIMAL PUNJAB DESHMUKH:

SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI V. T. NAGPURE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 255 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1971 and state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made as regards emoluments obtained by the Indian Technicians abroad and the commensurate level of emoluments available in India; and

(b) whether there was a scheme of creating a Scientists Pool and mostly from Technicians staying abroad and if so, how many scientists are on the list at present and what type of work is being given to them?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/योजना मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग मंत्री (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No such assessment has been made by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (C.S.I.R.).

(b) The Scientists' Pool has been in operation since 1959 for temporary placement of well qualified Scientists, Technologists and Medical Personnel specially for those returning to India without assured employment. Those qualified in Social Sciences and Humanities were later included. As on 1-11-71 there were 344 persons working in the Scientists' Pool. They are attached to suitable organisations where they could carry out teaching, research, consultancy, design, development, Professional practice etc., according to their qualifications and experience.

RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL, A.I.R.

590. DR. SALIG RAM :

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which Shri A. K. Sen, Director-General of All India Radio, was due to retire; and

(b) what are the reasons for not selecting a successor before the scheduled date of the retirement of the Director-General?