

Attracting talented scientists towards DRDO

***32. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many top scientists have quit their jobs in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to arrest this trend and attract more talented scientists to DRDO?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only one distinguished scientist left Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on voluntary retirement in the last three years.

(c) The following incentives have already been granted to restrict attrition of scientists and also to attract more talented scientists to DRDO:

- Two additional increments on promotion to each Grade;
- Up to six variable increments on promotion granted on fast tract;
- Professional update allowance;
- Fast tract promotions through assessments;
- Opportunity to acquire higher qualifications at reputed institutes viz. IIT's/IISc, etc. as DRDO sponsored candidate;
- Young Scientist, Scientist of the Year and other DRDO Awards in recognition to their contributions; etc.

In addition, excellent infrastructure facilities have been created at work places and residential complexes.

World Bank loan for water supply in major cities

***33. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to utilize a \$ 1 billion loan from the World Bank to start round-the-clock paid water supply facilities in 12 major cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has already identified the cities and would be contributing to the development of the water supply facilities in those cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the World Bank has put any conditions on the utilization of the loan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No such loan has been sanctioned by the World Bank. Ministry of Urban Development has prepared a Preliminary Project Report (PPR) for World Bank Loan up to US\$ 1 billion for a water supply project which has been forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs for consideration

(c) and (d) Government of India has not yet selected any city in the PPR. The PPR envisages that the proposed World Bank Loan would be available to interested States on back to back financing basis.

(e) Does not arise.

Assistance to States affected by LWE

†*34. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken in a meeting of Chief Ministers/Governors of seven States affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE), held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14 July, 2010, that these States will be given more assistance in the areas of security and development;

(b) if so, the details of progress made in this direction so far;

(c) the number of Left Wing Extremism incidents, i.e. naxalite attacks, that took place all over the country from 15 July, 2010 till now; and

(d) the State-wise details of total number of civilians killed in these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT):
(a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.