

fidence and tell us they have a programme which will be completed, say, within two years, three years, within some definite period?

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: They have no programme at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister has said that he will do it as expeditiously as possible.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: All this heat and indignation comes because there is so much delay. I personally do not think it is a very important thing—where the statues are—but if they are to be removed, why can't the Government take us into confidence and say that within two years, three years or four years they will remove them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They can't take you into confidence because they themselves don't know.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: As I said we will not take long but we cannot give any definite time limit. It won't be two or three years it will be much earlier.

STUDY OF RESEARCH PROGRESS IN NATIONAL LABORATORIES

*98. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Survey and Planning unit of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has made any study of the research progress in the various National Laboratories; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of this study?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know if the hon. Minister is aware that the 'Statesman' of

March 16 has published what was called the Report of the Study Team constituted by the Ministry?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Well, Sir, there have been certain findings by this unit that we have set up but there has not been yet a formal Report.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: What are the main features of the findings made by this study team?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: The findings are rather detailed. This unit considered three main questions: (1) the proportion of recurring research expenditure on different items, their trend and the relation of recurring to capital expenditure; (2) trend of expenditure on some of the auxiliary services; and (3) trend of cost per scientist and the structure of cost per scientist.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a report today about the opinion of a Professor who has told certain M.Ps yesterday here that there is too much of politics, too much interplay of politics in the National Laboratories and no research as such was being undertaken and, if so, may I know whether any steps are being taken by the Ministry to weed out politics and political elements and political considerations from these Laboratories?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I am sorry to say I find politics in every sphere of our life but the one place where there is less politics is our Laboratories.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I want to know at what rate expenditure in these laboratories has been increasing and whether the quantity of the work turned out has been having any relation to the expenditure incurred during these few years.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Well, Sir, expenditure has increased considerably and results also have been very great. Research has increased; more projects

have been put through, more assistance has been given to the industry. I might mention to the House that I am trying to have a brochure published and circulated to Members of Parliament to tell them of the great work our laboratories have done since their inception. So the House will know what work has been done.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know when this planning unit was set up, in which year, what amount was budgeted for it last year and what amount has been provided for it in this year's Budget?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I want notice for that.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: May I know the number of projects in the case of which the results of the research work done in the various laboratories have been handed over to the entrepreneurs in the country for commercialisation?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I am afraid I did not catch the question.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: I wanted to know the number of projects that have been handed over to the various entrepreneurs for commercialisation as a result of the research work in the National Laboratories.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: There are several projects that have been approved and many of them have been taken up by Industry. Well, I have not got the exact figures, but if the hon. friend wants it, I can give him the exact number of projects which were undertaken by the National Laboratories and which have been taken up by Industry and commercially utilised.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: There was an admission in what the Minister of Education said, namely, that there is some kind of relationship between expenses on research and evaluation of the results of research. Now, is this not a very dangerous

admission to make which will create later on far more difficulties?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I do not know that it is a dangerous admission, but I think our country should spend more and more money on research. The future of science, of industrialisation, depends upon research. We are not spending enough money on research. We should spend much more. I fail to understand why the hon. Member thinks that it is a dangerous admission.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: I am afraid the hon. Minister has completely misunderstood my question. I was saying that in answering the question the hon. Minister seemed to admit that he could somehow show that there was an intimate relationship between expenses on research and the results of research. I said to admit this is a dangerous thing.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I do not think so. I said that we are spending more and better results have been produced.

RIOTS IN THE TRIBAL AREAS OF BIHAR AND ORISSA

*99. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the factors mainly responsible for causing riots among Adivasis in the tribal areas of Bihar and Orissa;

(b) for how many days the situation continued to be disturbed there and what was the extent of loss of life and property as a result of riots; and

(c) what steps were taken to bring the situation under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.