

**ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO UNIVERSITIES
FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN NUCLEAR
SCIENCE**

281. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 50 in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1960 and state:

(a) the reasons for which the Lucknow and Agra Universities have not been given assistance for advanced study and research in nuclear science in 1960-61; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to give assistance to these universities in the next financial year?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND ALSO IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) Assistance for advanced study and research in nuclear science to universities and institutions is given on the recommendations of the Board of Research in Nuclear Science for specific research project.- proposed by them. No assistance was given to the Universities of Lucknow and Agra as no such proposals have been received from them for the year 1960-61.

(b) If any proposals for research project are received from them for the next financial year, they will be placed before the Board of Research in Nuclear Science and financial assistance will be given according to the recommendations of the Board.

**REPORT OF THE NEOGY
COMMITTEE**

282. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made by the Committee on Transport Policy and Coordination which was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri K. C. Neogy;

(b) how many meetings of the Committee have so far been held; and

(c) when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) According to its terms of reference, the Neogy Committee is expected to recommend a long term transport policy for the country and against this policy, define the role of the various means of transport in the next 5 to 10 years. The Committee has also been asked to suggest a suitable mechanism for the coordination of the various means of transport. The terms of reference of the Committee cover a very wide ground. On the other hand, the data available particularly about the means of transport other than Railways are very scanty.

During the last one year, the Committee has been engaged in the collecting of the necessary data from the interests concerned, official and non-official, regarding transport situation in the country. The Committee has undertaken some factual sample surveys on several routes to make an assessment of the volume and type of traffic carried by road transport. An inquiry has been instituted into the relative costs of haulage by rail and road. The Committee is also seeking information on problems relating to transport policy and coordination in some foreign countries. It will be appreciated that these investigations would necessarily take a long time to complete.

(b) The Committee has so far held 12 meetings. Besides, the Chairman of the Committee has held a number of meetings with various interests concerned such as the State Governments, the parties representing different forms of transport, as for example, the Indian Road Transport Development Association, the Indian National Steamship Owners' Association, the Inland Water Transport interests, the Coastal Shipping Conference, the Zonal Railways, the Light Railways, etc., etc. .

(c) The Committee proposes to make an interim report by the end of this year. As the problems entrusted to the Committee require detailed investigations, it is difficult to say at