

The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Planning Commission. Besides, in the current Council of Ministers, the MoS (Planning) has been given Independent Charge. The officials of Planning Commission are discharging their duties under the overall supervision and guidance of the Secretary, Planning Commission. These arrangements ensure that the works relating to Five Year Plan, Mid Term Review, evaluation and appraisal of projects and proposals etc. are attended to without any delay.

Funds allocated for research and development

3165. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated for research and development during the last two years and the current year and utilised so far, institution-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of innovations recorded during the last three years, year and field-wise;
- (c) whether the research institutions in the country have failed to provide adequate facilities and inspire the youth to undertake innovations in the field of science and technology, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to promote innovations in the field of science and technology in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Achievements of NInC and NIF

3166. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has felt the need of an integrated and coordinated approach involving all Central Ministries and State Governments with the Ministry of Science and Technology to promote innovative research in specific areas and to strengthen the science education and research, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether National Innovation Council (NInC) and National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF) have not been able to meet their objectives, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the details of the achievements of NInC and NIF for the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Towards an integrated and