

of State enterprises especially the State Electricity Boards, Irrigation Development and the Transport Corporations;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have also been asked to watch non-plan expenditure, improve receipts and also make efforts to raise more internal resources;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Planning Commission has indicated that Central assistance will not be very much during the Sixth Plan period, i.e. from 1980—85; and

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for this and the reaction of the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Governments have been informed that attempts would be made to sustain the tempo of Central assistance for the States' Plans.

(d) Does not arise.

Formulation of Sixth Plan Proposals

404 SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has asked the States to draft the Sixth Plan proposals;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued to the States for formulating the Plan;

(c) if so, whether the States have been urged to draft the proposals in such a way that they will have to make efforts to raise additional resources by themselves; and

(d) if so, how many States have so far prepared draft proposals and how

many have forwarded them to the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEYARI): (a) Wes, Sir.

(b) Broad guidelines have been given to the State Governments for formulating their Plans.

(c) It has been suggested to the State Government *Inter-alia*, that increase in non-Plan expenditure may be kept in control, receipts improved and steps taken to raise more internal resources.

(d) Planning Commission have asked the States to furnish draft Plan proposals by end of September, 1980 for discussion.

Association of Scientists with the process of Planning

405. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission is considering a proposal through which scientists and graduates are associated with planning process by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, whether a scheme is being formulated to work out the method of association of youth in planning;

(c) if so, when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and