

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Task Force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Science and Technology to initiate follow-up action on recommendations of the Science Congress. The Government has accorded high priority for the development of alternative sources of energy. The Department of Science and Technology is already implementing a coordinated R&D programme in this area and this programme is being further expanded.

Difference between Proposed Draft of Sixth Five Year Plan and one prepared by Janata Government

453. **SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) in what respect is the present 6th Plan outline basically different from the one prepared by Janata Government when the projected rate of growth is marginally different *viz.* 5% in place of 4.7% in the earlier one; and

(b) what prevented stipulation of a higher growth rate in industrial production when the Prime Minister called for "Setting the sights high"?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) The Planning Commission has tentatively fixed the target for growth of national income during 1980-81 to 1984-85 at 5 per cent per annum. While formulating the Plan, possibilities of stepping up the growth rate to a higher percentage will also be explored. Considering the severity of the resource constraint and the deterioration in the balance of payments outlook, the realisation of even a 5 per cent growth rate will represent no

small achievement. The new Plan will lay strong emphasis on accelerating the rate of growth of agricultural production and on generation of employment opportunities in rural areas in the framework of an integrated programme for rural development. At the same time, consistent with the emphasis on self reliance and accelerated growth, greater attention will also be paid to securing faster growth of industrial production and of exports. The concept of rolling plan has been given up and the new plan will have a fixed five year horizon.

(b) While formulating the new five year plan, every effort will be made to fix the target for industrial growth rate as high as possible subject to its consistency with the target for the overall rate of growth of the economy and availability of resources.

Report of the Committee on Transport Policy and Coordination

454. **PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR:**
SHRI R. K. MHALGI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Transport Policy and coordination set up by the Planning Commission has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main contents of the report and the action taken by the Government on this report;

(c) the date on which Government received the report of the Committee; and

(d) the names of the members of the Committee alongwith any changes in its constitution since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Transport Policy Committee has submitted its Report.

(b) Copies of the Report have been placed in the Library of the Parliament for reference. The recommenda-