

**U.K.'s Offer of Technology**

\*345. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Britain has offered high technology for India's development when the British Minister of State for Industry visited India;

(b) if so, the details of the high technology offered by Britain;

(c) whether such technology could not be obtained from France;

(d) the extent to which such a help will be a hindrance to the development of Indian technology; and

(e) the areas for which the technology will be brought from the United Kingdom ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT) : (a) No specific offer was made during the visit of the British Minister of State for Industry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

**Public Dealing by Officers of All India Services**

\*346. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether importance is being given to the quality of public dealings by officers belonging to All India Services;

(b) the steps taken to bring about more respect and regard from officers in their public dealings; and

(c) the details of incentives and measures to ensure better treatment to the public from officials of high cadres ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Members of the All India Services are put through various training courses from time to time. Among the objects of these courses are developing a new work culture and ethic and building up appropriate attitudes to the problems of common people, especially the poorest and the socially neglected. The training programmes at the National Academy of Administration, Mussoories also include visits to villages and tribal areas to enable the officers to develop empathy for the weaker sections of Society. Their performance in dealing with the problems of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and their relations with public are reported upon in their annual confidential reports.

**Fifth Expedition to Antarctica**

\*347. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fifth Indian Antarctica expedition is planned to sail during this month;

(b) whether some of the top research institutions are having second thought about participation and the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa is even thinking of pulling out of the trip;

(c) whether experience of some of the scientists who joined the fourth expedition has not been encouraging and one of the scientists wrote to the Prime Minister also; and

(d) if so, whether Government still intend to go ahead with the fifth expedition and future trips ?