

purely on personal and domestic grounds and left for U.S.A. The other scientists were requested to write up the patent, but they have not yet given any write up so far.

The work on indigenous and more versatile phosphor useful for Television tubes and other purposes is in progress at National Physical Laboratory (NPL). This phosphor is likely to save considerable foreign exchange when it goes in production.

Employment plans for Engineers, Technicians and Doctors in States

*530. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sought information from the States regarding their employment plans for highly qualified Engineers, Technicians and Doctors; and

(b) if so, the guidelines Union Government have suggested to the States to implement the schemes for providing employment to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). Following schemes have already been introduced in 1971-72 on the basis of guidelines issued by the Planning Commission:—

- (i) Rural Engineering Surveys;
- (ii) Agro-Service Centres;
- (iii) Investigation of irrigation and power projects;
- (iv) Investigation of national highways;
- (v) Setting up of design units for Rural Water Supply;
- (vi) Promotion of self-employment through provision of seed capital, hire-purchase facilities and functional industrial estates.

During the current year, a scheme for the employment of engineers and diploma-holders by small indu-

tries with Government subsidy to the extent of 50 per cent has also been introduced.

At the meeting of State Ministers of Industries convened in Delhi in September 1972, the Minister for Industrial Development and Science & Technology, had advised the State Ministers to formulate schemes for employment of engineers, scientists and technicians and submit them to the Central Government by end of December, 1972. These schemes are awaited by the Ministry of Industrial Development.

State Governments have been requested to formulate schemes for conducting natural resources surveys with a view to exploiting natural resources and to providing employment opportunities to engineers and scientists. Schemes have been received from a number of State Governments and they are under examination. For schemes of this nature and others intended for scientists and highly-qualified technicians, an allocation of Rs. 20 crores has been made in the Central Budget for the current year.

In 1972-73, a total amount of Rs. 27 crores has been allocated among the State Governments and the Union Territories to finance special employment programmes which have a considerable content of engineering and other technical manpower.

No specific guidelines have been issued by the Government to the State Governments and Union Territories in respect of employment of doctors. However, during the Annual Plan discussions with the State Governments, it has stressed that expeditious steps should be taken to fill up all existing vacancies and create more posts for doctors where possible.

The nationalised Banks have been specifically instructed by the Government to actively promote self-employment of technical entrepreneurs and doctors.

The Annual Plan for 1973-74 is at present under discussion. During the discussions, State Governments and Central Ministries are being advised to pay special attention to schemes that would generate increasing employment opportunities for engineers and technologists. It will be the endeavour of the Government to pursue a policy aimed at the absorption of all unemployed engineers and highly qualified technologists by the end of the Fourth Plan period both through direct employment and through self-employment opportunities.

Meeting of Assam and West Bengal Chief Ministers with Prime Minister to discuss Assam Language Problem

*531. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam and West Bengal Chief Ministers met the Prime Minister to discuss about the Assam language problem; and

(b) if so, the outcome of this meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Prime Minister has been in close touch with the Chief Ministers of Assam and West Bengal and had met them separately as well as together in regard to recent developments in Assam and West Bengal. They are earnestly engaged in maintaining normalcy and in speedy restoration of cordial relations amongst different linguistic groups.

Complaint against functioning of Kozhikhode Station of A.I.R.

*538. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding the functioning of Kozhikhode Station of A.I.R. from the Calicut city Pourasamithi;

(b) if so, the nature of complaint and their demand; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaint was vague and general in nature and demanded a comprehensive enquiry into the affairs of the Kozhikhode Station of A.I.R.

(c) The complaint was examined and found to be without any basis.

Opening of liquor shops in Delhi near Public Institutions

*540. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some areas of Delhi and New Delhi, new wine shops have been started near public institutions particularly near boys and girls schools;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration is turning a deaf ear to all kinds of protests and requests for shifting the wine shops from areas where the majority of people do not want them; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to intervene in the matter and ask the Administration to do the needful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Delhi Administration have said that new country liquor shops have not been opened near public institutions. Selection of sites for the location of