

## NATIONAL RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP OF INDIA



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**W**E wish to offer our heartiest felicitations to Sir C. V. Raman, Kt., F.R.S. N.L., on his appointment as the first National Research Professor in India, in recognition of his unique services in the cause of Science.

## STANDARDISATION IN INDUSTRY

**I**N the course of his Presidential Address to the third meeting of the General Council of the Indian Standards Institution, the Hon'ble Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee declared, "The Government of India, by its declared Industrial Policy", "has undertaken definite responsibility for the development of certain sector of industries and has also postulated a definite pattern of control in respect of others. Consequently, certain inescapable responsibilities in respect of development of standards clearly fall on the Government. At the same time, the industry must also be prepared to play its part enthusiastically and efficiently."

"So far as present indications go, we have good reason to be hopeful of the future. Indian industry is gradually but steadily becoming conscious of the importance of standardisation. It is being increasingly felt that without the initiation of standards and quality control, our industry cannot survive the onslaught of foreign competition.

-Industry is in fact already financing the Institution about three times the extent that was initially estimated by us. It is a natural expectation that as the ISI publishes a growing number of standards, the industry will more and more appreciate the services rendered by the Institution and will come to recognise it as their

own organisation to serve their own interests. Possibly at some stage the ISI will be called upon to organise an enforcement branch as well, as is being done in Canada for example, in the case of electrical appliances. This will require not only greater co-operation of industry but also legislative support.

"I am glad to note that in the sphere of international organisation standardisation the ISI has now begun to take an active part. The report of the Director which has recently been circulated to you, indicates the scope and extent of this participation. With respect to special responsibilities of India as the Secretariat for two of the ISO Technical Committees, it may be noted that 9 member countries of ISO have agreed to be members of the Shellac Committee, while the ISO Secretariat Committee for Mica has drafted the scope of international work, which is now being circularised to all ISO Member countries. Ever since the cessation of hostilities in Europe, mica producing interests in India have been opposed to the introduction of standards in his most important commodity of international trade, which earns valuable dollar exchange for the country. It is therefore gratifying to note that Indian Mica Industry has now responded favourably to the need of the time."