'Ours is a poor country, its resources are limited and we cannot afford to risk any kind of waste, and, therefore, the Audit Department will have to look upon its functions as functions of the greatest public utility by pointing out errors and by showing where and how we can remove abuses, effect economy, increase efficiency and reduce waste of expenditure'.

[S. Radhakrishnan]

—Editor

ANNOUNCEMENT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM INSA FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

The Indian National Science Academy invites applications from Scientists for partial financial assistance to participate in important Scientific International Conferences abroad during the year 1990-91. Scientists interested to avail of financial support from the Academy for participation in International Conferences to be held during the year 1990-91 are requested to apply in the prescribed proforma. The proforma is available from the Office of The Executive Secretary, Indian National Science Academy, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002.

The scheme is operated under three different categories, viz. (1) For International Conferences sponsored by the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and its affiliated bodies (ICSU Conferences); (2) For International Conferences sponsored by other agencies (Non-ICSU Conferences); (3) For applicants who are interested in partial travel assistance only, for participation in any International Conferences abroad. The applicants must be below 35 years of age. This is categorized as INSA–COSTED Travel Grant.

Category 1: Scientist who has been invited to deliver a plenary lecture/preside over a session or whose paper has been accepted for presentation, and who will also be provided maintenance allowance during his/her stay abroad and partial travel expenses by some agency, will be given preference over others. INSA's financial support, in case of selection is limited to a maximum of 50% International travel, 50% maintenance allowance for the duration of the conference and registration fee, wherever necessary. The prescribed application form duly completed should be despatched latest by January each year for consideration by a Committee of the Academy during the year.

Category 2: Scientist who has been invited to deliver a plenary lecture/preside over a session or whose paper has been accepted for presentation and who will also be provided maintenance allowance during his/her stay abroad and partial travel expenses by some agency, will be given preference over others. INSA's financial support in case of selection is limited to a maximum of Rs 7,500/- only. Applications for this category should be received in the Academy for consideration three months prior to the date of commencement of the Conference.

Category 3: Under this category the scientist who is interested to avail partial travel assistance only, for participation in any International Conference and is also below 35 years of age may send his/her formal request on a prescribed application form at least three months prior to the date of commencement of the Conference. The applicant should fulfill the following eligibility criteria before sending his/her application:

(a) His/her age should be below 35 years on the date of commencement of the Conference.
(b) He/she should hold a Doctorate degree.
(c) His/her paper should have been accepted for presentation.
(d) His/her local hospitality and partial travel expenses has to be borne by the organisers or some other agency.

Candidates selected will be supported partially for their travel cost, jointly by INSA and COSTED (Committee on Science & Technology in Developing Countries). The applications will be screened once a quarter during the year.