

## EDITORIAL

The Journal of a Professional body is not only its mouthpiece or there to look after the interest of its members, but has also to share the special social responsibility—to project the ever-expanding frontier of Science and Technology.

Paucity of fund, excessive price-rise of printing and stationeries and shortage of scientific papers worth of publication do pose a great headache to the Editor. The first two problems are much easier to be solved than the last one. Papers and articles available are numerous, sizeable number of them does not conform to the standards followed in the presentation of scientific materials and still a lesser number could be appropriately selected for publication.

Since Independence the volume of research activities has rapidly increased in the country ; but, alas ! majority of these works were intended to be of so-called fundamental category having very little, if any, bearing on the need of the soil. It is most regrettable that the situation has seldom been assessed in its spirit.

Among the research workers exists a mad race to increase number of publication so

much so that nearly same contents are being published in the form of different papers with slight addition/alteration in different Journals which led Prof. J. B. S. Haldane to observe sometimes back, "It is never known that frontiers of knowledge expand at such a rapid rate..... that fifty papers have been written by a single research worker within the span of one year." So called evaluation is based on the number of publication ! The craze for the ownership of more & more number of publication is the greatest curse in the field of genuine research activities.

It may be argued that Indian science is yet to reach the stage of maturity to encourage or to expect a fair evaluation or criticisms of scientific studies. This is rather a negative approach of looking into, in fact, avoiding a very crucial problem. It is with this that the question of self-reliance and cultivating self-confidence is associated. It is perhaps high time to realise that with the professional spirit failing and showmanship predominating one would only further retard both in the academic domain and in the overall development of the society.