

SHORT COMMUNICATION

RESEARCH JOURNALS IN LIBRARIES

There has been a dramatic increase in the prices of research journals in the last few years. This is due to the price rise of the journals and the devaluation of Indian rupee against US dollar and other west European currencies. The price of some of the journals have become almost double. The annual library budget increases hardly a few percent every year, consequently the number of research journals in the library is decreasing every year. It is becoming almost impossible to subscribe even few most important series such as Phys. Rev., Phys. Rev. Letters, Phys. Letters, J. Phys., Nuclear Phys. In the absence of such journals, how are we expected to continue our research work on any front line? This is the situation in most of the

universities and perhaps may be true in the research institutes too.

In view of this it is suggested that . (i) A national committee be appointed to negotiate the supply of journals at subsidized price, (ii) The increased price should be met by an additional grant to continue with an optimum number of journals in the library, (iii) Regional libraries and photocopying facilities be created to cater the need of readers, (iv) Other alternatives may also be suggested.

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