VI. LINKAGES WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

During the year, the Department continued to participate in the activities of various international organisations such as UNCTAD, WIPO, UNIDO, ESCAP and APCTT at various levels and forums on issues related to Technology Development and Technology Transfer in coordination with other concerned Ministries.

APCTT and ESCAP

The matter pertaining to the Asian and pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) under ESCAP were dealt with in cooperation with Ministry of Commerce. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research continued to play the role of a focal point for the APCTT. DSIR helped in preparing a brief covering technological issues for the use

of Indian delegation to the 54th Annual Session of ESCAP held in April 1998 at Bangkok.

Shri K.V. Srinivasan, Adviser, DSIR participated in the Fourteenth Technical Advisory Committee meeting of APCTT held during 24-25, November 1998 and the 13the session of the Governing Board of APCTT held during 26-27 November 1998 in Manila, Philippines. These meetings were attended by participants from Bangladesh, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Senior officers of the department also participated in various workshops/seminars conducted by the APCTT during the year.