

Remington Rand and Company Limited for the production of Portable Typewriter machine ;

(b) its sanctioned capacity of production per year ;

(c) whether the Company was asked to apply for licence outside the State of West Bengal ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Only a letter of intent for the establishment of a new undertaking at Faridabad in the State of Haryana for the production of 15,000 Nos. per annum of Portable Typewriters has been issued in favour of M/s. Remington Rand of India Ltd.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

A. R. C. Recommendation Regarding Research and Development in Telecommunications Technology

*238. **SHRI C. CHITTIBABU :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission had suggested a review of Research and Development in Telecommunications technology so as to keep pace with the advances in other countries ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) The Administrative Reforms Commission have, in their Report on Posts and Telegraphs, recommended that the production of telecommunications equipment in the existing public sector undertakings or others which may come up in future, should be so organised that the country keeps pace with modernisation and developments in other countries and our telecommunications system keeps abreast of the latest technology.

(b) The Government of India are considering the setting up of a Committee of technical experts to undertake a comprehensive review of

the present position prevailing in the various research and development organisation under the Ministry of Communications and to recommend steps for widening the scope of research in these organisations and for ensuring that they keep pace with the latest developments in technology in the field of telecommunications. The composition and terms of reference of the Committee have not yet been finalised.

Rate of Growth of Small Scale Industrial and Corporate Sectors

*239. **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a firm figure of the rate of growth in the organised corporate sector of industry during 1970-71 has been arrived at ;

(b) if so, how does it compare with the rate of growth in the small scale industrial sectors ; and

(c) the rate of growth in the small scales industrial sector during 1969-70 ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) The rate of growth of the corporate sector has been estimated to be 4.8% in 1970 and 1.5% in the first five months of 1971.

(b) and (c). The rate of growth in the small scale sector for 1970-71 has not been computed; the rate of growth for 1969 over the previous year is estimated at about 11%.

Theft of Jewellery from Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi

*240. **SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry was held into the theft of jewellery from the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi on the 1st November, 1971 and any arrests were made in that connection ; and

(b) if so, the result thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.