

Recruitment in shipping corporation of India

168. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the article "Recruitment Scandal" appearing in the Illustrated Weekly of India dated 11 November, 1990 where in it has been reported that many unemployed youths have been cheated of their money on the promise of offering them jobs involving officials of the Shipping Corporation of India;

(b) whether the matter has been investigated; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the persons found involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Departmental enquiry was conducted by the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. against Shri J.A. Kamble, Deputy Manager, Shipping Corporation of India Ltd... On the basis of the enquiry report, the services of Shri J.A. Kamble were terminated on 30.10.90. As regards the Departmental enquiry against Shri A.G. Gopalakrishnan Nair, Chief Cook on S.C.I.'s Home Trade Vessel, a Chargesheet was issued to him on 13.9.90 and he has since furnished his reply. The enquiry will commence soon. The Government has also referred the matter to CBI in January 1990 for a thorough investigation.

Setting up of Telecommunication Equipments Production unit at Calcutta

169. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a unit for producing Telecommunication equipments at Calcutta, in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) when it is likely to start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Landless Peasants and Share Croppers

170. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless peasants and share croppers in the country during 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981 and 1990, State-wise;

(b) the reasons of growth of landless peasants in the country during these years; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to improve their living conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) According to available information, no specific survey