

Central Government Employees:

The Ministry of Finance is already reviewing the Dearness Allowance as a result of increase in the Consumer Price Index Number.

Industrial Workers:

In the Industries and Centres where Dearness Allowance is linked with the Consumer Price Index Numbers, workers automatically get increased Dearness Allowance according to the rise in the Consumer Price Index Numbers. As a measure of further relief, government are considering bringing a legislation for setting up fair price shops and consumers stores in industrial establishments employing 300 and more workers.

Defence Research and Production

*151. **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether inventions and other achievements as a result of Defence Research and Defence Production, besides being utilised for the defence purposes, are also made available for civil needs in farms and factories wherever permissible; and

(b) if so, the method and agency employed therefor?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir. Though Defence Research and Development and Production effort is primarily oriented towards meeting the requirements of Defence Services, those inventions and results which could, with advantage, be applied to civilian use are being made available for public exploitation.

(b) The procedure is to take patents for such of those inventions in Defence Research and Development Organisation that are not of a classified nature and release the patents to National Research Development Corporation for exploitation in the civil sector.

Television

{ **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:**
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shrimati Renuka
Barkataki:
 *152. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Sezhiyan:
Shri Dharmalingam:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some British television companies have submitted a scheme for setting up a television network in India; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme and Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) A number of proposals from both British and non-British television companies have been received.

(b) The entire question of the extension of television services in India is still under consideration. Neither the main features of the schemes received nor the Government's reaction to them can therefore be disclosed at this stage.

Central Staff Training and Research Institute

{ **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. D. Puri:
 *154. { **Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:**
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Murli Manohar:
Shri M. Rampure:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up