

[English]

Chairmen/Managing Directors in Public Sector Undertakings

1191. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN:

SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Chairmen/Managing Directors employed in the Public Sectors Undertakings and the number out of them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) whether the Government propose to provide special training to the Chairmen/Managing Directors belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There is no reservation for the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in respect of appointments to the Board-level positions including Chairmen/Managing Directors of the Public Sector Undertakings. As such the information sought for is not centrally maintained.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Prices of Soap

1192. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of all categories of soap have increased;

(b) if so, the percentage increase in the prices of soaps as compared to its prices in July 1990; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the remedial steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage increase in the prices of soap has been between 2—9%.

(c) The price increase is mainly attributable to the increases in the cost of inputs. Govt. is aware of the various issues and remedial measures wherever appropriate and feasible are being taken.

[Translation]

Telecast/Broadcast of Programmes in Brij, Avadhi and Punjabi

1193. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes broadcast/telecast in Brij, Avadhi and Punjabi languages by Akashvani and Delhi Doordarshan during the last one and half years;

(b) whether Government propose to broadcast/telecast more programmes from Akashvani and Doordarshan in Brij, Avadhi and Punjabi languages regularly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The details of programmes broadcast/telecast, according to All India Radio/Doordarshan in Brij, Avadhi and Punjabi during the last one and half years are given in the Statement given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.