

been significantly liberalised to ensure a fuller utilisation of installed capacity in various industries ;

- Industrial licensing procedures have been streamlined and the pace of licensing has been accelerated ;
- The value of import licensing of Capital Goods has also been increased considerably ; and
- Licensing of import of steel has been stepped up. During 1971-72 import licensing of other critical raw materials has also been increased

Posters Demanding "Independent Rule"

298. SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether posters demanding "Independent Rule" appeared in Tanjavoor recently ;

(b) if so, which political forces there are behind this separatist movement ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken with a view to curb this move ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F H MOHSIN) : (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Investigation of Faulty Telephone Connections

SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :
SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Telecommunication Engineers were asked to investigate faulty connections in the country ;

(b) if so, while investigating they found out that the Telephone equipment installed in this country a few Years ago is not the one known by that name in other countries ; and

(c) whether this discovery was made shortly before the collaboration agreement with a Belgian subsidiary of an internationally famous American Company was to expire ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : It is presumed that the Hon'ble Members have sought information about faulty connections in the working of the crossbar exchanges, equipment for which has been imported from Belgium. If so, the reply is as follows :

(a) No. Deficiencies in the crossbar exchanges were noticed during their installation and after their commissioning. These have been investigated and discussed in a series of meetings between the Indian Telecommunication Engineers and representatives of Belgian Firm to find solutions to improve the working of these exchanges.

(b) No. There are different versions of the Crossbar System of Telephone exchanges each having its own special features. The Pentaconta system of exchanges which was imported is one of them and is known as Crossbar System all over the world.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Planning Commission's request to States to revise their Plan Programmes to reduce Dependence on Foreign Aid

300. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :
SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission has asked the State Governments to revise their plan programmes so as to reduce their dependence on foreign materials that could be constructed by indigenous material and equipment

(b) if so, the request by the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Siting up of an Atomic Power Station in Andhra Pradesh

301. SHRI A. K. GOPLAN : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set a nuclear power station in Andhra Pradesh ; and