

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Costing of Coca Cola/Fanta

1458. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices did costing of Coca Cola/Fanta etc; and

(b) if so, their recommendations and the reasons for not approving them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Activities of C. I. A.

1459. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Calcutta journalist is prepared to part with documents and other gadgets given to him by C.I.A., as reported in a Bombay weekly dated the 10th July, 1976;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made from the journalist; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c). It will not be in public interest to disclose the details in this matter.

Meeting of Chairmen of Electricity Boards

1460. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry recently convened in New Delhi a meeting of Chairmen of Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, whether the meeting discussed methods of improving power generation efficiency; and

(c) if so, the main points thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With a view to maximising the generation of power from the existing thermal capacity, the following major decisions were taken in the Conference —

(i) Determined efforts should be made to reduce the duration of both scheduled and forced outages of thermal plants.

(ii) Immediate action should be taken to introduce preventive maintenance techniques in a scientific manner.

(iii) Appropriate action should be taken for prompt repairs and maintenance works.

(iv) Steps should be taken to reduce partial outages.

(v) BHEL and Instrumentation Limited, Kota Engineers alongwith representatives of the CEA would visit power stations to diagnose the ills and suggest remedial measures.

(vi) The BHEL would stock slow moving spare parts for Russian and American machines and would also stock spare parts for their own machines.