

की उत्पादन लागत 26.40 प्रति फिफोवाट घटा होने का अनुमान है।

Closing of Ordnance Depot at Calcutta

1033. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that Ordnance Depot, Calcutta employing 700 workers, is being closed down by 30th June, 1980;

(b) if so, the reasons of closing down the said defence establishment, one of the oldest defence units of 200 years standing; and

(c) whether Government are re-considering the matter *de novo* on several representations submitted by workers organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c). Government have not so far taken a decision to disband the Ordnance Depot Calcutta. The continued location of an Ordnance Depot at a particular place will depend, among other factors, on its continued utility in providing logistic cover for meeting essential operational requirements. Whenever the question of disbandment of the Ordnance Depot Calcutta comes up, all relevant aspects including representations against its closure will be given due consideration.

Prices of H.M.T. Watches

1034. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of almost all types of HMT watches have been raised for the second time during the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demand for HMT watches is increasing day by day;

(c) if so, to what extent the prices of different types of watches have been raised each time; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring down the prices of HMT watches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir. The prices of some of the HMT watches were last revised only from 15th April, 1979.

(b) The demand for HMT watches continues to remain high.

(c) The revision of prices from 15th April, 1979 was effected for 35 types of watches out of about 60 types of watches being marketed by HMT. This increase was necessitated by the withdrawal of exemption of countervailing duty on imported watch components. The extent of price increase of different types of watches has been around 2 per cent to 8 per cent for gents hand-wound watches, around 1.5 per cent to 8 per cent in ladies hand-wound watches, and around 1.5 per cent to 6 per cent in automatic watches.

(d) HMT constantly endeavours to keep production costs at the minimum levels.

Rebel Nagas & Mizos trying to sneak into Burma

1035. SHRI CHARANJIT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rebel Naga and Mizo gangs have recently intensified their movements to sneak into Burma *en route* China through Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh for guerilla training and procuring arms and ammunition;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up this matter with the Governments of Burma and China and the response of those Governments thereto; and

(c) the special measures taken to prevent such activities in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c).