

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). A copy of the Notification dated the 25th February, 1980 issued in this regard is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-925/80.]

Project to Step up Generation of Atomic Power

1158. **SHRI CHITTA BASU:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to embark on a comprehensive project to step up generation of atomic power to supplement the thermal and hydel plants to meet the growing power needs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). Yes. Sir. In addition to the present installed capacity of 640 MWe already commissioned, the second unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station of 220 MWe capacity and two units each of 235 MWe at Kalpakkam and at Narora are under construction. The setting up of additional atomic power stations is under consideration. A Fast Breeder Test Reactor is also being constructed at Kalpakkam to study the feasibility of nuclear power generation on the basis of fast breeder technology.

Printing of Designs on Skins by Novel Method

1160. **SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a novel method of printing various designs like leopard skins, snake skins and patterns of various kinds on leather has been developed; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for commercial exploitation, particularly for boosting leather goods exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a). Yes, Sir. A process has been developed by the Central Leather Research Institute, Madras for the printing of various grain and fur patterns on different leather.

(b) The process has been widely publicised through practical demonstration, through articles in newspapers and leather journals, news release on Radio, T. V. etc. A number of parties have evinced interest. Leather goods items have also been fabricated in the Institute and displayed. These measures, it is expected, will lead to commercial exploitation particularly for boosting leather goods exports.

Recruitment of SC/ST in Police Force

1161. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:**

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has decided on a crash programme of recruitment of members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to the police force;

(b) whether some funds have also been sanctioned in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have also given some directions to the police to re-orient their attitude and behaviour towards the public to adopt better method for crowd control and in their approach and behaviour towards the weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) State Governments have been requested to see whether the Scheduled Castes are adequately represented in the police force at all levels.