

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven times.

(c) No, Sir. The matter regarding recognition is under consideration.

Setting up of a Unit of Bharat Electronics Ltd. in West Bengal

6094. SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to establish a unit of Bharat Electronics Ltd, in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal for setting up a new unit of M/s Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) in West Bengal. However, BEL has submitted a proposal for augmentation of their equipment production capacity, to meet the additional requirements of Defence Services by setting up two new units. Several State Governments including West Bengal, have requested that one of the units may be set up in their respective States. The question of location of the units will be considered at the time of taking a final decision on BEL's proposal taking into account all relevant factors.

Defence Production Badly Affected during 1977—79

6095. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence production of our country was affected badly during 1977, 1978 and 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) what was the percentage drop in production during these years;

(d) what effective steps present Government have taken to improve production; and,

(e) is there any significant change after these steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken to tone up the administration, improve the power supply position, and provisioning of materials to improve the production further. Results would be known only in due course of time.

पटना में बाढ़ नियंत्रण उपायों की परियोजना

6096. श्री चन्द्र देव प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या योजना आयोग द्वारा पटना (बिहार) में बाढ़ नियंत्रण उपायों के लिए 27.13 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजना की स्वीकृति की गई है ,

(ख) क्या इस योजना से 75 हजार हेक्टेयर भूमि तथा 6 लाख की आबादी को बाढ़ से बचाने में सहायता मिलने की संभावना है ; और .

(ग) यदि हा, तो इस योजना पर कार्य कब तक प्रारम्भ हो जाने की आशा है और परियोजना का व्यय क्या है ?

योजना मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) :

(क) और (ख) : जी हां योजना आयोग ने 75300 हेक्टेयर भूमि और 6 लाख जनसंख्या के संरक्षण में सहायता करने के लिए 27.13 करोड़ रु० की अनुमानित लागत के लिए जून 1980 में पटना बाढ़ संरक्षण स्कीम स्वीकृत की है।

(ग) इस परियोजना पर कार्य फरवरी-मार्च 1976 में शुरू हुआ था और अब यह उन्नत चरण में है। इस परियोजना के निर्माण कार्यों की मई संलग्न विवरण में बतलुई गई है।