

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be taken ;

(c) whether the modalities of the proposed organisation have been considered and if so, when they are likely to be cleared ;

(d) what are the main reasons for this separate organisation ;

(e) what were the difficulties faced by the companies and to what extent this decision will help them ;

(f) whether several Indian Companies have approached the Government to permit them to raise capital with the foreign financial institutions and banks ; and

(g) if so, in how many cases the Government have given its approval ?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

(f) and (g). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**मौसम पूर्वानुमान केन्द्रों की स्थापना**

2552. श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मौसम के पूर्वानुमान के लिए देश में 110 केन्द्रों की स्थापना के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश में ऐसे केन्द्र किन स्थानों पर स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) इस बारे में पूरा व्यौरा क्या है?

**पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री मनन्त प्रसाद शर्मा) :** (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) देश के विभिन्न भागों में इन केन्द्रों के स्थान-निर्धारण की अभी जांच की जा रही है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Supply of Cotton Dresses to U.K.**

2553. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :**

**DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT :**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether BBC over its nation wide programme labelled the Indian Cotton dress imported into that country as a danger to women and children because of their inflammability ;

(b) if so, whether our Government have taken up this matter with the British Government ; and

(c) if so, details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN) :** (a) to (c). The BBC had telecast a feature on the inflammability of loose fitting cotton dresses from India. This was taken up strongly by our High Commission with the authorities concerned. As a result, in a subsequent programme, BBC brought out a statement to the effect that the dangers apply equally to Asian and other imported cotton dresses generally and not just to Indian cotton dresses, as their earlier report had implied. The Government of India has also suitably taken up the matter with the concerned authorities in U.K.