

Indo-Soviet collaboration

1636. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet Union have furnished an exhaustive list of areas of mutual collaboration during the visit of Indian Industrialists to the Soviet Capital during 1981;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Soviet Union have agreed to work with Indian private sector in helping to develop the industrial output of the country; and

(c) if so, whether the Indian private sector industries have tried to avail of the offer made by the Soviet Union and the details of the areas where the Soviet Union propose to extend cooperation to the private sector industry in India ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The Soviet Union furnished a list of some areas of mutual cooperation and collaboration.

(b) The Soviet Union had agreed to explore and identify areas in which there could be cooperation with Indian firms in the private sector.

(c) During 1982, Government of India have received applications from two Indian private firms for collaboration with the Soviet firms, for the manufacture of Harvester Combines, and of oil-well and port-land cement.

"Conversion of Black and White T.V. into Colour T.V."

1637. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news

item appearing in the Times of India dated 6 September, 1982 (Bombay Edition) that "Black and White TV can be converted into a colour one, according to a professor of electronics from Bombay";

(b) whether Government have tried to find out from this professor about the technique that he has developed or proposes to use for such a conversion which will reduce the cost of a colour TV by nearly 50 per cent of the cost of an imported colour TV; and

(c) whether Government would encourage any research in this regard which in the ultimate analysis will help the TV viewers and also encourage production/conversion of TV sets and thereby help the industry also, and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government has no plans in this regard since such conversion is considered to be technically non-viable.

Recommendations of the Committee on Industrial Dispersal

1638. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR. Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any action for the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on Industrial Dispersal for the development of backward areas set up by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the nature of the action taken and the extent to which the