

(v) Any other related matter referred to the Committee by the Government for advice.

(c) and (d). Government have recently set up a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.C. Joshi to prepare a software plan for Doordarshan. The terms of reference of the Working Group are as follows:—

(i) To prepare a detailed software plan for Doordarshan taking into consideration the main objectives of TV of assisting in the process of social and economic development in the country and to act as an effective medium for providing information, education and entertainment;

(ii) To examine the need for starting a multi-channel service considering the composition of urban and rural viewers and recommend a programme pattern for the same, taking into account the programme production facilities, both existing as well as planned;

(iii) To assess the manpower requirement and training facilities and suggest measures for improvement from the point of view of software; and

(iv) To evolve a system of evaluation of the programme and artist performance as well as a system for monitoring of the programme.

FICCI Urges Govt. for Participation of Private Sector in Power Generation

1473. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to take steps to encourage the participation of private sector in power generation;

(b) if so, what is their precise demand; and

(c) what is the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c). The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently carried out a study regarding the possibility of a private sector participation in the power generation and has sent a copy thereof to Government for consideration. The Federation has, however, been asked to submit specific proposals in this regard indicating *inter-alia*, the level of their financial participation so that Government could examine the proposal on merits.

Ramanujam Committee Report on the Working of E.P.F. Organisation

1474. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam to review the working of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its Report and what are the main recommendations made in the Report; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee and how they propose to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee had submitted its report in January, 1981 and its recommendations were laid on the Table of the Sabha in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4076 answered on the 18th March, 1981.

(c) The recommendations have been considered by the Government and these