

Community's decision to extend the tariff concessions, which India secured from it in 1969, for her exports of handicrafts to 5 Asian countries ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation.

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) :** (a) Yes, Sir. So far as we are aware, in practice the tariff concessions are extended only to India and Pakistan although legally they are meant to be on a global basis.

(b) The steps taken by the Government of India for utilising the duty free quota for handicrafts to the fullest extent are given in the enclosed statement.

#### *Statement*

- (i) By trying to remove the individual ceiling for the import of each item of handicrafts which has been standing in the way of effective utilisation of the duty-free quota scheme. If the E.L.C cannot agree for completely doing away with the individual ceiling, we are suggesting that they should agree for grouping of similar items (e.g. art metal-ware group, wood-ware group and leather-ware group) and prescribe a combined ceiling so as to provide for more flexibility
- (ii) By including more items in the list of handicrafts eligible for duty-free entry. During the current year, the E.E.C. have allowed 10 more items, but there are still other items like palm-leaf articles, lace goods, dress accessories (cuff-links, tie-pins, brooches) and leather printed by hand, which are of export interest to us and are at present excluded from the purview of duty-free scheme.
- (iii) For dispensing with the sub-division of quota among the member-states of E.E.C.
- (iv) A number of measures were adopted for taking maximum advantage of

the concession in India. This included giving full particulars of the duty-free scheme to the handicrafts exporters, etc., giving wide publicity to the scheme in the press, deputation of a trade-cum-study team of exporters to the common market countries to transact on the spot business and to study prospects to enhance exports to the community, preparation of designs by the Design Development Centres of the All India Handicrafts Board especially for exports to E.E.C. countries, helping exporters of duty-free goods and issuing certificates of origin and bringing out special brochures on art metalwares, woodwares etc. for distribution in the E.E.C. countries.

#### **Decision on Khosla Committee Report on Film Censorship**

\*240. **SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH KOTAH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the Khosla Committee Report on Film Censorship ; and

(b) if so, what is the decision ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) :** (a) and (b). The Report of the Khosla Committee on Film Censorship is under active consideration of Government,

#### **Setting up of Five T. V. Centres**

997. **SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the equipment from abroad for all the five Television Centres at Srinagar, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow has since arrived in India ;

(b) if not, the stages at which all the above five T.V. Stations are of present ;

(c) the amount of money spent on these five T.V. Stations till date, both on their

indigenous and foreign exchange contents separately ;

(d) whether there is any likely delay in the target dates because of construction delays at sites and procurement of equipment from abroad ; and

(e) if so, how much ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### *Statement*

The position in respect of the various TV Stations is indicated below :

#### (i) SRINAGAR :

The total estimated cost on this project is Rs. 306 lakhs out of which the expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 53.21 lakhs—Rs. 50.18 lakhs in rupees and Rs. 3.03 lakhs in foreign exchange. Work on the construction of studios, transmitter and the road leading to the transmitter site is in progress. Equipment required for the project has been ordered but has not been received. The Station is likely to start functioning in 1972.

#### (ii) BOMBAY/POONA :

The total cost on Bombay/Poona TV project is estimated at Rs. 336.67 lakhs, out of which equipment worth about Rs. 113 lakhs is to be received as gift from the Government of Federal Republic of Germany under an agreement and part of it has already arrived. The total expenditure incurred on the project so far is Rs. 28.71 lakhs. Work on the studio buildings and transmitter side is in progress. Work on the erection of the 300 metre high TV tower is under way. Site for Poona relay Station has

been finalised and is being acquired. The Bombay TV Station is likely to become operational in 1972.

#### (iii) MADRAS :

Land for TV Station has been made available by the Government of Tamil Nadu free of land value. Building plans and estimates are under preparation. Steps are being taken to procure equipment. The total estimated cost on this project is Rs. 182.76 lakhs but no expenditure has been incurred so far. The Station is likely to become operational by 1973-74.

#### (iv) CALCUTTA :

Site for this TV Station is being finalised. Steps to procure equipment are being taken. The total estimated cost on this project is Rs. 190.59 lakhs but no expenditure has so far been incurred. The Station is likely to be in operation by 1973-74.

#### (v) LUCKNOW/KANPUR :

Sites for these Stations are being finalised. The total estimated cost on this project is Rs. 300.33 lakhs but no expenditure has been incurred so far. The Station is likely to become operational by 1973-74.

#### **Attack on Indian Posts on Indo-Pakistan Border and Violation of Indian Air Space by Pakistan**

998. SHRI R. S. PANDEY :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :  
SHRI H. M. PATEL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pakistani Forces during their attacks on East Pakistan to suppress the independence movement there, have attacked the Indian Posts on the Indo-Pakistan border thereby killing many people and destroying property ;