

nations and other subordinate services examinations conducted by the Public Service Commission of the Union and the States. Such Centres have been set up so far by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala and the Union Territory Administration of Delhi.

Setting up of T. V. Station in Bihar

1051. **SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAI** : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to start a Television Station in the State of Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) No, Sir ; but arrangements are proposed to be made for reception of T. V. programmes in certain villages in Bihar direct from the experimental Satellite when it is put up in 1974.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for Promoting Sale of Indian Goods in South-East Asia

1052 **SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAI** : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has approached Government for necessary permission to collaborate with the Hongkong businessmen of Indian and Chinese origin to promote the Sale of Indian goods in South East Asia ;

(b) whether Government have agreed to this proposal ; and

(c) if so, the main features of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) The STC has submitted a proposal for setting up a joint company with Hongkong businessmen of Indian and Chinese origin for expansion of India's export trade in South East Asian countries.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration.

Tobacco Corporation

1053. **SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL** :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Tobacco Corporation in the public sector ;

(b) if so, objects of setting up this Corporation ; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Committee to enquire into closure of Edward Textile Mills, Beawar (Rajasthan)

1054 **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA** : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee was appointed for enquiry into the closure of the Edward Textile Mills Beawar (Rajasthan) and suggest ways for its re-opening ;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report ; and

(c) if so, the main recommendations thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?