

manufactures the government have taken the following steps :

- (1) Two Export Promotion Councils (i) the leather Export Promotion Council at Madras and (ii) the Export Promotion Council for Finished Leather and Leather Manufactures at Kanpur, have been set up. These two councils undertake promotional activities such as sponsoring trade delegations and sales and study teams to visit markets abroad participation in exhibitions abroad, collecting market intelligence and guiding new exporters.
- (2) Basic raw materials required for this industry, such as raw hides and skins and tanning barks and extracts, are permitted for import under Open General Licence.
- (3) "Leather and Leather goods" are one of the 59 priority industries. Units in this industry can, therefore, secure import licences on the basis of actual consumption.
- (4) Import licence is allowed against exports of various leather and leather products, to replenish the import content in such export products.
- (5) There is provision for drawback of duty on export of Blue Chrome tanned goat skins and vegetable tanned leather.

Inflated Telephone Bills for Trunk Calls between Delhi and Bombay due to Faulty Meters

1721. SHRI FATESINGH RAO
GAFKWAD :

DR. KARNI SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the erratic readings of the meters, recording trunk calls between Delhi and Bombay,

resulting inflated telephone bills of the subscribers ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to rectify the same ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) No please.

(b) Does not arise.

Location of Calcutta T. V. Station

1722. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land for locating the Television Station in Calcutta has been obtained from the Calcutta Corporation;

(b) if not, whether the project will be dropped and shifted to somewhere outside Calcutta ; and

(c) the plan estimate of the project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Negotiations with Calcutta Corporation are in progress. Possession of land has not been taken as yet.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Rs. 190 59 lakhs.

Meeting of Indian Council of Institution of Rubber (London) held in Calcutta

1723. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether annual general meeting of the Indian Council of the Institution of the Rubber (London) was recently held at the National Test House, Calcutta ;

(b) if so, whether the setting up of another synthetic rubber plant and limitations