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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) (a) Sites for transmitter and studios have been acquired and equipment is being procured. Construction of buildings will commence shortly.

(b) The station is expected to be completed by December 1973.

Meeting of Indo-British Technological group

3293. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the communique issued after the third meeting of the Indo-British Technological Group, the British side drew attention to "stringent export requirements laid down by the Indian Government where a Company wanted to expand its activities" and the "Indian sibe agreed to consider these views further": and
- (b) If so, the result of further consideration by the Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is still under consideration.

Joining R. S. S. and Jamist-I-Islami by Government Employees

3294. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
(a) whether Governments employee both at the centre and in the States, are forbidden from joining R. S. S. and Jamiat-i-Islami; and

(b) If not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b). Instructions were issued in November, 1966 to the effected that participation in the activities of the R. S. S,

and the Jamiat-i-Islami by a central Government servant would attract the provisions of Rule 5 (1) of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and that any Government servant who is a member of, or is otherwise associated with, these bodies or with their activities is liable to disciplinary action. The state Governments were also requested to consider the feasibility of issuing similar instructions in respect of the employees under them.

Smuggling of arms through saurashtra coast

3295. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large quantities of mostly revolvers and pistols made in the United States and some other Western countries are being smuggled into the country through the Saurashtra Coast; and
- (b) if so, the measures adopted by Government to check activities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) No, Sir. However, according to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, some Indian nationals were apprehended when, on their way back from Dubai, they were trying to land stealthily near Mahura on the Kutch coast. A Belgium made pistol, a toy type pistol of German make and some cartridge and blank caps were recovered from the possession of one of them.

(b) The Saurashtra coasts as well as the other portions of Gujarat sea-coast are well guarded and strict vigilance is kept on the movement of smugglers, unauthorised vessels, aircraft etc.

Patna seminar on cold storage industry

3296. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the views expressed at the Patna Seminar on Cold Storage Industry regarding the difficulties of the Industry; and
- (b) if so, the outlines thereof and the reaction of of Government thereto?