

(a) whether he is aware of some irregularities in the matter of purchase of land for the setting up of the Telephone Exchange in Meerut some time back, if so, the nature thereof;

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the Officers at fault; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such things in future ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) No such irregularity has come to notice.

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

Outbreak of Fire on Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, New Delhi

3345. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a fire broke out on Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, New Delhi on the 26th March, 1972;

(b) if so, the estimated loss and whether any inquiry has been held into the incident; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Rs. 1,50,000/- approximately. In the enquiry made by Delhi Fire Service the cause of fire could not be ascertained with certainty but it was understood that probably the electric short circuit in one of the shops involved caused the outbreak of fire. The possibility of a spark from fireplace having caused it can also not be ruled out.

भाकाशवाली, वाराणसी का दर्जा बढ़ाया जाना

3346. श्री सुधाकर पांडे : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री वाराणसी में रेडियो स्टेशन के बारे में 23 जून, 1971 के प्रस्तावित प्रश्न संख्या 2954 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करें कि भाकाशवाली के

वाराणसी केन्द्र का दर्जा बढ़ाकर उसे पूर्ण केन्द्र बनाने के सबब में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मणिनी सतपथी) : परियोजना संजूर हो चुकी है। स्टूडियो की स्थापना हेतु उपयुक्त स्थान अधिग्रहण करने के लिए प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं।

Expansion of Industrial Activity in Small Scale Sector

3347. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether after his visit to Philippines, the Chairman of the Small Scale Industries Board has come to the conclusion that there is likelihood of expansion of trade facilities and industrial activities particularly in the small scale sector in the South Asian countries;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by him; and

(c) the scheme worked out in this regard ?
THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). The Minister for Industrial Development who is the Chairman of the Small Scale Industries Board has not been to the Philippines. However, Development Commissioner for Small Scale Industries went there on an assignment under the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation to whom he has submitted his report.

Production of Machines by Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

3348. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools has made some new machines;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) whether these machines have a good market ?