

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The proposal to draw up a draft declaration on guiding principles for the use of direct satellite broadcasting had been sponsored at the 15th session of the UNESCO General Assembly in 1968 by a number of countries including India.

(b) A draft declaration drawn up by a committee of 12 experts which included an Indian was on the agenda of the 17th Session of UNESCO General Assembly which has just concluded in Paris. The draft declaration was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

(c) The countries which voted against the draft declaration were the U.S.A., U.K., West Germany, Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries, Japan and a few others.

Manufacture of Compact Amplidyne Set by H.E.L., Bhopal

1359. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial Machines Division of the Heavy Electricals (I) Ltd., Bhopal for the first time in the country has successfully designed, developed and manufactured a compact "AMPLIDYNE SET" for controlling the speed of a hydro-generator hitherto imported;

(b) whether its manufacture has been undertaken on commercial level;

(c) if so, the amount of foreign exchange it will be saving annually; and

(d) if not, how long it will take to produce it on commercial basis?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Annual saving in foreign exchange depends primarily upon number of sets produced and progressive indigenous manufacture in lieu of sets that would otherwise have been imported. It is estimated that the savings in foreign exchange would be approximately Rs. 0.5, 2.1 and 2.3 lakhs during 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 respectively.

(d) Does not arise.

Maharashtra-Mysore Boundary Dispute

1360. SHRI P. VENKATASUBAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Mysore have agreed to refer the boundary dispute between their States to the Prime Minister for arbitration; and

(b) if so the steps taken to solve the dispute?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) No such agreement has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Exchange Allocation to Small Scale Industries for Import of Raw Materials

1361. SHRI P. VENKATASUBAIAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to raise the foreign exchange allocation to the small-scale sector for import of raw materials;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and