

Recommendations of Committee on Education and Employment

215. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher direct taxation, close integration of development plans with employment objectives, restriction on opening, new large scale industries in favour of small scale industries and a dedicated managerial cadre are the recommendations made by the Committee on Education and total Employment set up by the Forum of Education; and

(b) if so, whether these recommendations have been sent to the concerned Ministries and their reaction obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). The report containing the recommendations made by the Committee on Education and total Employment set up by the Forum of Education is being examined in the Planning Commission. Suitable recommendations will be considered in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

Hungarian know-how in Manufacture of Telecommunications Equipment

216. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement worth Rs. 4.5 crores has been signed recently by the Post and Telegraph Board and Messrs. Budavox of Hungary, the sole import-export agency for telecommunication equipment;

(b) whether besides supplying the equipment they will supervise the first phase of the installation and would give free technical know-how to Indian technicians to enable them to begin manufacture of the equipment;

(c) After completion of the installation which are the big cities to have a microwave radio-TV link; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of making similar arrangements for other regions of the country.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) This microwave system will provide speech circuits inter-linking Bombay, Panjim, Mangalore, Mysore, Bangalore, Madras, Ernakulam and Trivandrum. Madras and Bombay will also be connected by a T.V. radio channel.

(d) Yes, the P.& T. have plans for inter-linking a number of cities by Microwave and Coaxial but T.V. provision is made as required by A.I.R.

Expansion of T.V. network to cover the entire country.

217. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country had achieved self-reliance in the field of television both in terms of technology and programmes;

(b) whether the expansion programme of TV net work during the Fifth Five Year Plan will enable every part of the country to view television, and

(c) if not by when it is expected to cover every part of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) In TV technology