

(c) if so, whether the Centre has any proposal to intervene directly and provide protection to Harijans from such atrocities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Available information on this subject was furnished in this House in answer to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 1263 on the 28th February 1973. Further information regarding the number of incidents of a serious nature, and in how many allegations have been substantiated, are being ascertained from the State Government.

(b) Central Government do not have any such information.

(c) Does not arise.

Inconvenience caused to people in making Telephone Calls from Public Call Offices due to the modifications in the Telephone Boxes

5010. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Telephone Authorities have modified the Public Call Telephone boxes following the decision to charge 30 paise for a call;

(b) whether new system is causing considerable inconvenience and hardship to the people, as new 10 paise coin are not easily available; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The system is technically all right and modification is not causing any inconvenience to the Public. However, due to shortage of new 10 paise coins general public may be inconvenienced at times.

(c) Such cases, as and when brought to our notice are reported to the Ministry of Finance to arrange for release of more coins.

Exploitation of Uranium Deposits in M.P.

5011. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether substantial deposits of uranium have been found in Sarguja District of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to exploit these deposits?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Some occurrences of uranium have been found in Sarguja District of Madhya Pradesh. The nature and extent of these occurrences are under investigation.

(b) The question of exploitation of the deposits will depend upon the results of the investigations currently in hand.

New T.V. Licences likely to abandon their projects because of the conditions laid down by Government

5012. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of new TV licencees are likely to abandon their projects because of the current conditions laid down by the Government; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to make the present conditions more congenial for launching their ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). No

conditions have been laid down by Government which make it difficult for TV licencees to implement their projects.

Ten Licences/Letters of Intent have been issued in the organised sector for a capacity of 105,000 TV sets per annum. Of these, 4 parties have gone into production and 3 more are expected to do so shortly. In the Small Scale Sector, 67 approvals have been accorded for a capacity of 1,91,100 sets. More than 30 parties have been cleared for the required capital goods and at least 10 units have already gone into production.

Rewa Radio Station

5013. SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when Rewa Radio Station will start functioning; and

(b) the reasons for delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The Transmitter is expected to be commissioned in 1974-75 and the studios in 1975-76.

(b) The delay is mainly attributable to longer time taken in getting the site for studios. There was also some delay in acquiring the private land for the Transmitter. The sites have since been acquired and the building work for the transmitter has commenced.

Industrial Hygiene Laboratories in various States

5014. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in various States where Industrial Hygiene Laboratories have been set up during the last three years:

(b) the names of Production Centres where environmental studies have been made so far;

(c) the details of the industrial dust and other producing units; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the evils and other precautionary measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Role of National Productivity Council

5015. SHR; MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the services rendered by the National Productivity Council for disseminating productivity information and providing other services in different fields of economic activity; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to take the work of the national productivity council to Tehsil or Taluk level in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Productivity information is disseminated by the National Productivity Council in the following ways:—

(i) Through mass media of communication such as documentary films, daily newspapers, radio and TV and screening of productivity films at enterprise level.