

The primary reason for shortfall in production was the power cut imposed in the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra which adversely affected the production of potassium chlorate.

COMPUTER CORPORATION IN PUBLIC SECTOR

4744. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a new Computer Maintenance Corporation in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the outlines of the programmes proposed to be launched this year in this field ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). The proposal to set up a Computer Maintenance Corporation in the public sector is currently under consideration of Government. At present, the maintenance and servicing of computers is being done primarily by suppliers of the machines. The cost of such maintenance has been considerable and it is expected that with increasing number of Computers in the country, there will be a greater amount of foreign exchange outflow on providing maintenance and servicing.

The proposed Corporation will look after the maintenance and servicing of all Computers imported from abroad and also assist user-agencies in Systems Engineering. All technological problems associated with computerisation will also be dealt with by this Corporation. An out-lay of Rs. 1 crore has been allotted in the Fifth Five Year Plan for this purpose. During 1974-75, a provision of Rs. 15 lakhs has been made in the Budget of the Department of Electronics for starting initially two centres in the country.

VISIT OF EXPERTS FOR PURCHASE OF PLANT FOR KERALA NEWS PRINT FROM CANADA

4745. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of experts from Hindustan Paper Corporation visited Canada to finalise detailed specifications and designs for purchase of plant and machinery for Kerala News Print Project;

(b) if so, the outlines of discussions they have held in Canada and the detail of orders for the delivery of items; and

(c) the time schedule by which these items are expected to be received and to be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions took place on the basic engineering work done by the Hindustan Paper Corporation in respect of various items of machinery including paper machinery. Enquiries were floated on the basis of the specifications agreed.

(c) Orders are expected to be placed immediately after negotiations have been completed in respect of various offers received. The same is expected to be finalised within the next 2-3 months.

मध्य प्रदेश में स्वचालित टेलीफोन प्रणाली

4746. श्री लम्बोदर बलियार : क्या संभार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष 1973-74 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में किन स्थानों पर स्वचालित टेलीफोन प्रणाली चालू करने का विचार है ?

संभार संसद के राज्य मंत्री (श्री० शेर सिंह) : मध्य प्रदेश के जिन स्थानों में वर्ष 1973-74 के दौरान माटोमैटिक एक्सचेंज खोलने का प्रस्ताव है, या खोल दिए गए हैं उनके नामों की एक सूची विवरण में दे दी गई है।

विवरण

1. मधसीर
2. लहर
3. बदरवास
4. पिथौरा
5. गढ़ाकोटा
6. ओकार जो मान्धात
7. चागा टोला
8. भोपाल असेम्बली

RECRUITMENT OF ENGINEERING GRADUATES TO CLASS III POSTS

4747. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Engineering Graduates are recruited to various Class III posts for which Diploma in Engineering is the minimum prescribed qualification in various Central Government departments and undertakings; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The qualifications and experience required for a post are usually prescribed with reference to the duties and responsibilities as also the job requirements of the post. This being so, it is a fact that for various CLASS III posts, Diploma in Engineering is prescribed as a minimum

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qualification. Persons possessing a higher qualification than the minimum prescribed for the post, can also apply and get appointed to such posts, as long as they are within the prescribed age limits for the posts. Accordingly, a number of Engineering Graduates get recruited to various Class III posts for which Diploma Engineering is the minimum prescribed qualification in various Central Government departments. As regards public sector undertakings while the position is broadly the same as stated above, no centralised information is available.

(b) The reasons for Graduates applying for and being appointed against Class III posts, for which Diploma in Engineering is the prescribed qualification is that the persons concerned have been unable to secure higher appointments, for which Degree in Engineering is prescribed as the minimum qualification.

ENGINEERING GRADUATES WORKING IN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS

4748. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2425 on 28th November, 1973 regarding forwarding of applications by various Departments and state :

(a) whether the information regarding the number of Engineering Graduates working in Engineering Departments in the posts for which minimum qualification prescribed is Diploma in Engineering has been collected; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The requisite information called for from various Ministries/Departments in November, 1973 has not yet been received from all of them. The information so far received is however given in the statement attached.