

(c) The new Public Sector Unit viz., Central Electronics Limited will, to begin with, take up manufacture of professional grade ferrites and a number of other electronic components developed in the National Physical Laboratory. Utilisation of indigenous raw-materials to the maximum possible extent is a special feature of the process developed by the NPL, particularly in components based on ceramic technology.

Abolition of Sole Agency System for Cement

3868. DR. LAXMINARAIN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abolished in principle the sole agency system in the case of cement;

(b) if so, the number of factories where this system is still in force;

(c) whether the Dalmia Cement Factory and the Orissa Cement Factory allow 2 per cent profit by way of sole agency commission; and

(d) the names of the sole agents of these factories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b): The Government of India have not prescribed any system of sole agency and therefore the question of its abolition by the Government does not arise. Sale of cement through sole agency is a matter purely within the discretion of the concerned cement producers.

(c) and (d). The Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Factory and the Orissa Cement Factory are stated to be paying Rs. 1.75 per tonne as sole agency commission to the Cement Distributors Ltd., New Delhi, who are their sole selling agents.

Printing of Postal Stationery

3869. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies other than the Government, who are given the work of printing post cards and inland letters and the terms under which such works are entrusted;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the private agencies for printing such inland letters, make fabulous profits by supplying lesser number of such articles and billing for higher number; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Postcards, inland letters and embossed envelopes—both ordinary and registered—are got printed at the India Security Press, Nasik. During recent years, no other agency has been given the work of printing of postcards and inland letter-cards.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Research Programmes in States

3870. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the research programmes envisaged by the Research Programme Committee of the Planning Commission;

(b) the State-wise split-up of these programmes especially the programmes for Karnataka State; and

(c) whether there has been some duplication in certain programmes with that of certain Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) The Research Programme Committee of the