

have been selected by the Government of Iraq from the panels of experts prepared by the Government of India according to the job requirements indicated by the Iraqi Authorities.

(c) and (d): The selected personnel are governed by a standard contract which covers period of assignment, salary range and cost of living, housing allowances, and free medical attention

Production/distribution of picture tubes by Bharat Electronics Limited

1495. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI DHAMANKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of picture tubes in Bharat Electronics Limited was affected during the period May, 1974 to December, 1974 and that defective picture tubes were supplied to Small Units during June, 1974;

(b) if so, the reasons for the short fall in production of picture tubes and steps taken/proposed to ensure normal production of picture tubes and equitable distribution with special care of small units with a capacity of 2,500 sets per year; and

(c) whether Bharat Electronics Limited would give credits to small units for the defective tubes inclusive of sales tax, freight and interest on the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The production of picture tubes in Bharat Electronics Ltd. was affected during the period May 1974 to December 1974 on account of various reasons, the main reason being a major power cut imposed by the State Electricity Board. In order to keep the production

unaffected, a change in the manufacturing process was resorted to which however, resulted in the manufacture of some defective picture tubes in June 1974. Although these picture tubes conformed to the normal specifications at the time of despatch from the B.E.L. factory, they developed some defects at the customers' end on use. When this was brought to the notice of Bharat Electronics Ltd., they withdrew these supplies and, in order to mitigate the difficulties of the affected units, they also gave them credits for these defective supplies, inclusive of sales tax and freight, but without any interest.

The power cut in the case of Bharat Electronics Ltd. has since been restored to a large extent. The Company has also taken steps to eliminate the process defects. With these steps, it is anticipated that Bharat Electronics Ltd. will be able to manufacture in all about 60,000 picture tubes during 1974-75.

As regards "equitable" distribution of the picture tubes, Bharat Electronics Ltd. has been following the guidelines communicated to the Company in this regard by the Department of Electronics, keeping in view the production of picture tubes in Bharat Electronics; the actual performance of the T.V. receiver manufacturers, both in the small scale and the organised sectors, during the years 1973 and 1974; and also the need to ensure a minimum equitable supply to new units.

Technique developed by Defence Scientists of Kanpur for turning Ordinary Graphite into Diamond

1496. SHRI C. M. SINHA:

DR. KARNI SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence scientists using high explosives in Kanpur have developed technique that can turn ordinary graphite instantly into diamond; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give any preference to this technique for its further development, if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Appalling conditions of Hospitals in India

1497 SHRI M. S. PURTY:
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:
SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:
SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Government hospitals in the country are in a bad state, be set with problems like over crowding, shortage of staff and paucity of funds;

(b) whether conditions in rural and small town hospitals in States like Bihar are appalling; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it becomes available.

मध्य प्रदेश में औषधियों की अनुपलब्धता

1498. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में जिला मुख्यालय और मदन खड मुख्यालय स्तर के हस्पतालों में औषधि उपलब्ध नहीं है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार मध्य प्रदेश की औषधियों के लिए विशेष अनुदान देने का है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (जी ए० के० एम० इसहाक) :
(क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और उपलब्ध होने ही भेज दी जाएगी।

Ban on Commercial Sale of Blood by "Donors"

1499 SHRI VASANT SATHE:
SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:
SHRI VEKARIA:
SHRI D. P. JADEJA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President Indian Society of Blood Transfusion urged the Government to adopt legal and administrative measures to ban the commercial sale of blood by 'donors' and to place the blood transfusion programme on a voluntary basis;

(b) what are the other suggestions which have been made by the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) No communication