

There is no proposal at present to set up any other Production Board regarding production in Ordnance Factories.

ALLOY STEEL PLANT IN KANPUR

3736. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to set up a special Alloy Steel Plant in Kanpur; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No final decision has been taken.

(b) The scope and size of the plant which may have to be set up are under examination.

MANUFACTURE OF FERTILIZER WITH ATOMIC ENERGY

3737. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new technique for the manufacture of fertilizer with the help of atomic energy has been developed by the Department of Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to utilize this technique ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

CHANDA COMMITTEE REPORTS

3738. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of recommendations of the Reports of

Chanda Committee on the Media of Information and Broadcasting accepted and adopted by the Government and the number and details of those rejected;

(b) the exact results achieved so far by adoption of these recommendations and the nature and description of the difference it has made in the daily broadcasting service;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt the remaining recommendations; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) to (d). The Government have finalised consideration of 197 out of a total of 219 recommendations contained in the Chanda Committee's Report on "Radio and Television" and four statements indicating Government's decisions in regard to their acceptance or otherwise have already been laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on the 24th August, 1966, 29th November, 1966, 21st March, 1967 and 21st November, 1967. The remaining 22 recommendations are still under consideration.

Consideration of the bulk of the recommendations contained in the other four Reports of the Chanda Committee is likely to be finalised soon and statements indicating the Government's decisions in regard to the acceptance or otherwise of these recommendations will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(b) The major changes affected in the broadcasting service as a result of the adoption of the Chanda Committee's recommendations may be summarised as :—

- (1) There has been progressive decentralisation, particularly in programme matters and the All India Radio Stations have been given the liberty to take or not to take some of the National Programmes and other centrally produced programmes.