

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री दा० रा० चव्हाण) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) एजेन्सियां नगरों के आघार पर होगी। उत्तर प्रदेश और पंजाब के कुछ नगरों में इण्डेन गैस की बिक्री पहले से ही हो रही है। यह प्रस्तावित है कि आगामी वर्ष में इन दो राज्यों के चार और नगरों में इसकी बिक्री का प्रसार किया जाए।

12.00 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Reported disappearance of important military designs from the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR (Sambalpur) : Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Education to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon :—

“Reported disappearance of important military designs from the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh.”

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) *rose*—

SHRI PILOO MODY (Godhra) : Where is the Defence Minister ?

SHRI RABI RAY (Puri) : Where is the Home Minister ?

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar) : Sir, we addressed this calling-attention notice to the Defence Minister.

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : Sir, the fact that certain military documents were missing from the office of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation,

Chandigarh had not been brought to my notice by the office of the C.S.I.R. and the first information I got was from the ‘Statesman’ of 5.12.1969. As I had a feeling that the matter would be raised in Parliament that very day, I immediately sent word to the Director-General, CSIR, to send a note on the subject. Unfortunately, the note which I received at 11.50 A.M. on 5.12.1969 when sitting in the Lok Sabha did not make any reference to the missing documents. So I sent another note immediately asking for detailed information specifically on this subject. That is why I was not in a position to make any statement when some Honourable Members raised this matter in Lok Sabha on 5.12.1969.

The Calling Attention Notice refers to the disappearance of drawings relating to an instrument of Defence value from the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh. I have now been able to obtain all the relevant information relating to this matter and seek the permission of the House to make the following statement.

In June, 1966, the Department of Defence Supplies sent drawings relating to an instrument needed by them to a number of public and private sector firms and also to the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh, [*Shri Ranga* : That is the way they keep secrets.] to ascertain their capacity to fabricate and supply the instrument. This is an angle measuring instrument which was used by the British and Commonwealth Army forces during World War II. I understand that the instrument in question and those of similar nature are being produced in various foreign countries in the private sector and the same are being utilised by the Armies of the world. [*Shri M.L. Sondhi* : Cock and bull story.] Since this has been successfully developed and produced by trade firms in the country, the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation was approached in October, 1969 to indicate the progress made by them in this regard or alternatively to return the drawings to them if not already destroyed. Following this request, the Director, Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, made a search for these drawings in his Organisation and found them missing. According to him, he had given these drawing to one of his