

के लिए विस्तृत योजना कार्यान्वयनाधीन है। भू-वैज्ञानिक तथा भू-कम्पीय सबलण किये जा रहे हैं। वर्तमान में वर्ष 1980-81 में 338.80 लाख रुपये व्यय किये जाने का अनुमान है।

(ब) राजस्थान में कुछ क्षेत्र प्रायतः इंडिया को दिये जाने के बारे में अभी कोई अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया।

(ङ) इस समस्या में अभी से कुछ कहना असामयिक होगा।

#### Report of Macbride Commission on Freedom of Press

\*433. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the report of the Macbride Commission for safe-guarding the freedom of press;

(b) the main features of the report; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The report of the International Commission for the Study of Communication Problems, known as the Mac Bride Commission, does not deal exclusively with the freedom of press but examines the whole gamut of communication problems in contemporary societies. In fact, the report is the first of its kind to have studied world communication problems and policies in their totality. The report consists of five parts—the first four are descriptive and analyses of the existing systems of communication and resources as well as infrastructure, policies and norms. The fifth and concluding part consists of conclusions, recommendations and issues which require further study. In

the recommendations, which are 32 in all, different areas of communication development are covered. These pertain to:

(a) Strengthening independence and self-reliance;

(b) social consequences and new tasks;

(c) professional integrity and standards;

(d) democratisation of communications; and

(e) fostering international co-operation.

Government feel that the report of the Mac Bride Commission broadly reflects our policies regarding communication development in the country. Government regards the communication media as essential inputs for promoting development and to inform and motivate the people to participate in the national growth process. The recommendations, Government believes, would lead to the strengthening of international co-operation in communication development and help to correct the imbalances and inequalities in the present system and to accelerate efforts towards developing appropriate communication systems of the country.

#### Import of Drugs

\*434. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are importing drugs this year;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of drugs to be imported; and

(c) whether there is any excise duty on these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government are importing certain canalised drugs through the State Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Corporation of India Ltd. (CPC).

(b) The amount of foreign exchange likely to be incurred in such imports is estimated at Rupees 27.90 crores.

(c) No excise duty is levied on drugs imported into the country. However customs duty is levied on imported bulk drugs and intermediates.

#### Expenditure on Energy Research

\*435. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government on energy research during the last three years; and

(b) the part utilised by research institutions under his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Raw material for High Density Polyethylene P.V.C.

\*436. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total production of raw material produced in the country is hardly 30 per cent to 35 per cent of the total demand therefor especially in the case of high density polyethylene P.V.C. etc.;

(b) whether many industrial units in small scale sector have found that the quality of indigenous raw material is sub-standard and causing a lot of wastage;

(c) whether small scale units have found that blending indigenous raw material with imported raw material in the ratio 50 : 50 will give satisfactory results in producing finished products; and

(d) whether Government propose to allow import to the extent of nearly 60 to 65 per cent of country's demand of raw material for survival of 14,000 small scale plastic units processing plastic raw material?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have received no report about the inferior quality of the indigenous raw material.

(c) We have no information.

(d) Import of PVC is allowed under OGL while the import of other raw material like HDPE, LDPE, Polystyrene and Polypropylene is allowed to actual users.

#### दूरदर्शन पर वाणिज्यिक प्रसारण के लिए पृथक चैनल

\*437. श्री तारिक अमनवर : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों से वाणिज्यिक प्रसारण के लिये पृथक चैनल स्थापित करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) क्या नया चैनल स्थापित करने के लिये दूरदर्शन द्वारा अतिरिक्त व्यवस्थाएं की जानी पड़ेंगी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी व्यय होने की संभावना है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बलराम व्यास) : (क) और (ख) बम्बई दूरदर्शन पर वाणिज्यिक टेलीकास्ट करने के लिये