

अपने भाषण में कहा है कि दिल्ली के लिये नये प्रशासनिक ढांचे की स्थापना पर विचार किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली में प्रशासनिक संगठनों की संख्या कम करने के बारे में निर्णय करने का भी विचार है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जायेगा ?

गृहमंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त) : (क) और (ख). गृह मंत्री ने कहा था कि वर्तमान प्रबंध में, जिसमें दिल्ली प्रशासन, दिल्ली विकास अधिकरण, दिल्ली नगर निगम और नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका जैसी विविध एजेंसियां शामिल हैं, देरी तथा समन्वय की कठिनाइयों, दोनों के होने की सम्भावना है। इसलिये एजेंसियों की संख्या कम करने और प्रबंध को सरल करने का प्रश्न विचार करने योग्य है।

(ग) निर्णय यथाशीघ्र किया जायेगा।

Incentive to Importers of Technology to set up Research and Development Establishments

*1039. SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide incentive to the importers of technology to set up Research and Development establishments themselves; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. In all cases of foreign collaboration approved by the Government a stipulation is made that during the currency of the collaboration agreement an R&D Unit will be set up to absorb the imported technology. However, according to the recent Import Trade Control Policy, April, 1973, certain import concessions have been announced in respect of organisations/individuals engaged in R&D, whether public or private. These organisations are required to register with the Department of Science and Technology to avail of concessions to import Rs. 2,500/- worth of raw materials/equipment for R&D. Further, Licenses for raw materials, components etc. will be issued to these organisations against free foreign exchange. Over and above these limits, these organisations will also be permitted

to import for R&D, capital equipment pilot plants etc., depending on the merit of the application and subject to such facilities being not readily available within the country.

Capacity of Telephone Exchange in Baroda City

*1040. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Baroda City has an old and outdated Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether the number of telephones at present in Baroda is far too inadequate in proportion to the need of the fast-developing industrial complex in and around Baroda; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve this situation urgently?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Baroda system consists of 4 exchanges with a total capacity of 5,200 lines. Out of these, only 1,200 lines in the Baroda main exchange are old enough to justify replacement.

(b) As in all other large telephone systems in the country the total demands in Baroda exceed the installed exchange capacity.

(c) (i) The replacement of the old equipment has already been planned and will materialise by the end of 1974.

(ii) Government have already in hand schemes to expand the capacity of the system. A new automatic exchange of 3,000 lines is under installation and is likely to be commissioned in 1974. This exchange is further planned to be expanded progressively upto 7,000 lines by 1978. By that date other planned expansions or new exchanges will raise the capacity of the system to 13,800 lines against a total demand of 9,870 as on 31-3-73.

A.I.R. Preference to Foreign Music over Indian Music

9657. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government are aware that star-singers like Miss Lata Mangeshkar and others are contemplating to retire from the field of singing for A.I.R. due to the fact that the A.I.R. authorities concerned with songs and drama are increasingly introducing foreign music and are giving preference to foreign performance as compared to Indian music and dramatic performances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): No, Sir. Government is not aware of any such report.