

TV Programme through Satellites

*236. SHRI B. S. BHAURA : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have studied the feasibility of having television programme through satellites ; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of U.S.A. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on September 18, 1969 for a collaborative experiment to be undertaken in 1947 to test the feasibility of direct broadcast of television from a synchronous satellite to augmented television receivers for community viewing in isolated villages. Government is also studying the feasibility and cost effectiveness of an Indian National Satellite for communications which could provide on going service for T.V. as well as point to point communications including telephones.

Import of Man-made Fibre Yarn

*237. SHRI R. KADANAPPALLI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme for the large scale import of man-made fibre yarn from other countries to meet the consumer demand and fulfil its export commitments ; and

(b) if so, the main feature thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Government have not chalked out any scheme for large scale import of man-made fibre or yarn because a substantial quantity of man-made fibres and yarns is produced in the country and further capacity is being created. For encouraging exports

of textiles containing man-made fibres/yarns, import of the different kinds of man-made fibres/yarns has been allowed as replenishment under the Import Trade Control Policy for registered exporters. For distribution to actual users in the art silk industry, only nylon filament yarn is being imported to the extent considered necessary to maintain prices at a reasonable level. Some quantity of viscose staple fibre is being imported to supplement the availability of cotton in the cotton textile mill sector.

कश्मीर में पाकिस्तानी घुसपैठिये

*238. श्री चन्द्रिका प्रसाद :

श्री नाथू राम अहिरवार :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार इस तथ्य से अवगत है कि कश्मीर में बड़ी संख्या में पाकिस्तानी घुसपैठिये हैं जो वहां किंगी भी समय विस्फोटक स्थिति पैदा कर सकते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार यह मुनिश्चिन करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है कि वहां ऐसी स्थिति पैदा न होने दी जाये ?

प्रधान मंत्री, परमाणु ऊर्जा मंत्री, गृह मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) तथा (ख) सरकार इस बात से अवगत है कि राज्य में कुछ घुसपैठियों के उपस्थित होने की संदेह सम्भावना है । फिर भी, सरकार सतर्क है तथा बड़े पैमाने पर घुसपैठ को रोकने के सभी आवश्यक कदम उठाये गये हैं ।

E.E.C.'s Decision to extend Tariff Concessions for Indian Handicrafts

*239. SHRI DHANDAPANI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the European Economic