

as possible. I can assure him that, in this respect, care is being taken. The Scooters India at Lucknow is a very good example; already the Scooters India have set up 29 ancillaries themselves, and they are going to set up some more, bringing the number to 50.

Autonomous Body for T.V. Operations

*201. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an autonomous body for T.V. operations; and

(b) if so, the composition of the proposed body?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). It has been decided to separate television from All India Radio. The New organisation will be known as "Doordarshan" (Television India) and will be an attached office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, headed by a Director General.

श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : बड़ी प्रसन्नता की बात है कि दूरदर्शन नामक संस्था की स्थापना कर रहे हैं। मैं जानाना चाहता हूँ कि कब तक आप इस को कायम करेंगे ?

श्री धर्मवीर सिंह : अध्यक्ष जी, इस में यह निर्णय ले लिया गया है और अगले एक, दो महीने में इस की स्थापना हो जायगी।

SHRI ANANTRAG PATIL: We are happy to know that the Government have decided to separate Television from All India Radio and set up a separate organization for Television. This was a long-awaited decision. After this division, it would now be

necessary that we should have more television centres in the country as well as more studios for production. With this, the people should also be in a position to purchase television sets. May I know from the Minister, if the Government have chalked out some plans to have more centres and more studios and secondly has the Industries Department been requested to ask the manufacturers of televisions to reduce the prices of the television sets?

SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA: Sir, the supplementary is outside the scope of the question, but I would like to clarify that this organization Television India (Doordarshan) will not be an autonomous body, it will be an attached office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

One of the reasons, why the Television has been separated from All India Radio is that we want to have faster growth in the field of television. But that will, of course, depend on the resources situation. Technically, we are equipped for a very fast growth as far as television is concerned, and if the resources are available we would definitely go fast.

As far the cost of television set is, we are interested in reducing its price, but that depends on various fiscal measures on which I cannot say anything now.

आदिवासियों को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने का कार्यक्रम

*292. श्री मूलचन्द डागा : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आदिवासियों को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के बारे में सरकार की कोई योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसकी किर्बन्धित के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है ?