

Press Censorship***208. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA:****SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the criticism that the press censoring system has failed to act as an instrument by which attempts of the forces of reaction and imperialism to misuse the press could be foiled; and

(b) to what extent the Government consider that the press censoring has been serving the purpose for which it was introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Pre-censorship has prevented the Press from publishing prejudicial reports and comments

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**India's Technical know-how in Arab Countries**

*287. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a tremendous scope to make available India's technical know-how in Arab countries; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). There is scope in selected areas to make available India's technical know-how in Arab countries. This requires a careful study of the industrial projects/programme, of the Arab countries and identifying the

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technologies from industrial firms, R&D Institutions, Engineering Design Consultancy Firms, which can supply the technologies with equipment and services on guarantee basis. A number of Indian organisations are at present engaged in doing either preliminary feasibility or supply of equipment for construction of roads, bridges, high-ways, water-supply, power generation, power transmission, railway system and similar other activities. Also Indian engineering organisations like Engineers India Ltd., National Industrial Development Corporation, Dastur & Co. Projects and Equipment Corporation, Indian Consortium for power projects etc. are engaged in preparation of general surveys, feasibility studies, location studies, etc with a view to assessing the economic viability of particular projects.

Assistance to small Newspapers and Journals

*293. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government provides any assistance to the small newspapers and journals; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Assistance provided to small newspapers and journals is stated in the attached statement.

Statement**Assistance provided to small Newspapers/Journals**

The Press Information Bureau distributes news and features to small