

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN POWERS IN THE COMMUNAL TROUBLES IN U.P.

*465. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Congress President alleging certain foreign powers inciting communal troubles in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have instituted any enquiry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) to (c). Government have seen a news item published in the "Pioneer" on January 1, 1974 relating to a statement purported to have been made by the Congress President to this effect. The Congress President has denied having made any such statement in any of his meetings or public utterances. There is also no information available with Government about any foreign powers inciting communal troubles in Uttar Pradesh. The question of instituting any enquiry in the matter does not, therefore, arise.

MICROWAVE PROJECT AT SHIMOGA

*468. SHRI FATESINGHRAO GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on the Rs. 1 crore microwave project in Shimoga has come to a standstill;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. BRAHMANNANDA REDDY) : (a) The Project is estimated to cost Rs. 21 lakhs; work

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on construction of building and tower foundation at Shimoga has been suspended.

(b) The work at Shimoga remains suspended since two months on account of a dispute regarding ownership of the land.

(c) The case has been taken up with the Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka for permitting the construction work to proceed pending a decision on the ownership of land.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FOAM GLASS FACTORIES

*472 SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI : SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish Foam Glass factories in the country during the current year;

(b) if so, whether the National Research and Development Corporation for producing foam glass have also extended their co-operation by providing technical know-how in this regard, and

(c) if so, the outline regarding the scheme of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) to (c). Government have no proposal to set up foam glass factories in the public sector. However, the National Research Development Corporation have provided technical know-how for the manufacture of foam glass to two firms in the private sector. Neither of these firms has gone into production so far.

PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT IN KERALA UNDER 'HALF-A-MILLION JOBS' PROGRAMME

*474. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :