

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Two Pakistanis and an Indian were arrested in Amritsar district on 25th April 1971 while trying to cross over to Pakistan. Some incriminating documents were recovered from them.

(b) The investigation of the case is in progress.

**Collaboration of Indian Technicians
in setting up of a Satellite for
TV Programme**

*830. DR. MELKOTE : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 236 on 2nd June, 1971 regarding T.V. Programme through satellite and state :

(a) whether it has been found feasible to put the satellite within the effective operational view of India with the parabolic antenna pointed towards the centre of India :

(b) the extent of cost to be borne by the Government of India ; and

(c) whether Indian technicians would also collaborate in the project ?

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

(b) India will bear the cost of ground segment, including community T. V. Sets, transmit and receive earth stations and programming centres for the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE). This is estimated to cost about Rs. 6 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir. The full responsibility for programming and the ground segment of the experiment will be Indian. Indians are also associated with the NASA units responsible for the building of the spacecraft.

**Disturbances in Mysore over Presentation
of Mahajan Commission Report in
Parliament**

*835. SHRI N. K. SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large scale destruction of property including Posts and Telegraphs offices, Railways and other Central Government offices, took place in Mysore after the presentation of the Mahajan Commission Report in Parliament ; and

(b) if so, the total amount of loss due to these incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). According to the available information the damage to Central Government property in incidents of violence in Mysore State in the latter half of December, 1970 was of the order of Rs. 1,11,200.

Production of Natural Rubber

*837. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAKKAPPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any estimate with regard to the production of natural rubber this year ;

(b) if so, how much of it can be utilized for export purposes ; and

(c) what would be the import content of natural rubber this year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) and (b). The estimated production of natural rubber for 1971-72 is 1,00,000 tonnes. It is too early to estimate likely exports. However possibilities of exports are being explored.

(c) Import of natural rubber will not be allowed.

**Investigation into Availability of Potassium
Chlorites in West Bengal,
Bihar and Kerala**

*839. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation was authorised to conduct in-