

(b) the points discussed therein; and

(c) the decisions taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the resolutions passed by the Conference is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5826/73].

(c) The resolution urging Government to declare newspapers as 'industry', has been referred to the Ministry of Industrial Development for consideration. The other resolutions concern either the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference itself or the State Governments.

Percentage of Electronic Equipments manufactured indigenously or imported

*254. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:

SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of equipment of electronics manufactured in India and the percentage of the equipments imported; and

(b) the efforts so far made by Government to achieve self-sufficiency in this field and the results achieved?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The total value of electronic equipment used in the country in 1972-73 amounted to Rs. 200 crores; of this, Rs. 162 crores (81 per cent) was produced indigenously and the rest, imported.

(b) In the Fourth Plan period, there has been additional licensing, both in the large as well as small scale sectors, for manufacture of Radios, TV sets, Tape Recorders, Instruments, Calculators, etc. Manufacturing capacity in such areas as Microwave and Radar equipment, Telecommunication equipment, Computers, etc., has been considerably increased either through expansion of existing units or setting-up new units in the public sector. As a result of these efforts, production of electronic equipment in the country, both for civilian and defence purposes, rose from Rs. 110 crores in 1969-70 to Rs. 162 crores in 1972-73.

Shifting of Pulp Mills from Bikaner to Assam

*255. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ashoka Paper Mills Limited, a joint venture extended from Rameshwar Nagar (Darbhanga) in Bihar to Assam, has ordered a Paper Mill from abroad which will be installed at Darbhanga while the already installed Pulp and Paper Mills at Rameshwar Nagar will be dismantled and shifted to Assam and, if so, the exact schedule of the completion of these operations and starting of production;

(b) whether it is proposed to shift only the Pulp Mill from Rameshwar Nagar to Assam, leaving the already installed Paper Mills there and install another Paper Mill of equal capacity in Assam; and

(c) share of the cost to be borne by the Government of Bihar, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Ashoka Paper Mills Limited have