

the Army Headquarters about the quality of these tyres;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has demanded action against the D.G.S&D; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence has taken action against the Depot Officer responsible for giving this misleading information?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. B. Bhagat):

(a) There was no specific reference to the Defence Ministry by the DGS & D. However, there was a general circular issued by the DGS&D to all indentors including Defence and a letter to C.O.D. Kandivili about the quality of the tyres.

(b) The P.A.C. has dealt with this Ministry demanding action against the DGS&D does not arise.

(c) Action against O.C. C.O.D., Malad is being processed as indicated in reply to parts (c) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 363.

Purchase of Tyres by Defence Ministry

365. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the imported tyres (mentioned in the 64th Report of the Public Accounts Committee—3rd Lok Sabha) were sent to the Forward Areas in preference to the good quality Indian made tyres in stock at the depots;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered into these affairs; and

(c) if so, the results of the enquiry?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). Imported tyres were issued for use in the forward areas also in view of the standard practice of the Army Headquarters of issuing stocks on the basis of "first manufactured first out". The decision of the Defence Ministry not to issue these tyres to forward areas

was, however, not communicated by Army Headquarters to the depot authorities. The circumstances under which this was not done are being investigated.

मूल्य समाचार

366. श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री क० ना० तिवारी :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी दिल्ली द्वारा प्रतिदिन प्रातःकाल अत्यावश्यक वस्तुओं के मूल्यों के बारे में प्रसारित किये गये समाचारों की जनता ने भारी प्रालोचना की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त प्रालोचना को दृष्टि में रखते हुए सरकार इन समाचारों का प्रसारण बन्द करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह) : (क) आकाशवाणी से प्रसारित होने वाले बाजार-भाव बुलेटिनों की मिश्रित प्रतिक्रिया हुई है। कुछ लोग इनको जारी रखे जाने के पक्ष में हैं तो कुछ विपक्ष में।

(ख) प्राप्त होने वाली प्रतिक्रियाओं तथा किये गये सर्वे के आधार पर सरकार के अन्वय सम्बद्ध विभागों के परामर्श से इन बाजार-भाव बुलेटिनों को जारी रखने पर इनमें सुधार करने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है।

Karnali Hydro-electric Project

367. Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavalaya: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1967 on the 21st November, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the report on Karnali Hydro-Electric Project in Nepal sent