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**Plan on Import of Paper Manufacturing Machinery**

\*424. SHRI R. S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import of paper manufacturing machinery; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Government has not been allowing import of machinery with the exception of machinery for newsprint. The reason is adequate indigenous capacity lying substantially unutilised at the moment.

**S. T. D. extension to Major World Cities**

\*425. SHRI RAM SHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS**

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the S.T.D. extension to major world cities is being planned by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the facts of the same; and

(c) how many countries will be connected with this system?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) to c). Semi-automatic telephone service i.e. direct dialling of the subscribers in other countries by our telephone operators is presently provided by the Overseas Communications Service Inter-continental Telephone Exchange at Bombay between India and U.S.A. and India and U.K. So far no plans have been formulated for the introduction of subscriber trunk dialled service (STD) between India and other countries. Government are, however, continuously studying the techno-economic and traffic feasibility of introduction of direct Subscriber Trunk Dialling between India and other countries.

**Introduction of Commercial Division in A.I.R. Ranchi**

\*426. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a commercial Division in the A. I. R., Ranchi as it is in industrial belt; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, Government have approved the proposal to extend Commercial Broadcasting Service to Ranchi Station of All India Radio and installation of equipment has been completed. Ranchi will be the link Station to Patna.