

that DMT supplied by M/s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited is acceptable by users.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Telephone in Frozen telephone exchanges

2713. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide telephones in the Frozen Telephone Exchanges after taking 20 to 25 thousand rupees per connection; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Engineering Projects India Limited

2714. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the two projects of the Engineering Projects (India) Limited viz., ABHP in Kuwait and OMBP in Iraq;

(b) if so, the results of the said inquiry;

(c) if no inquiry has been conducted so far, whether that would be conducted now; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Committee on Public Undertakings in its 50th Report has al-

ready gone into this matter in details and action in terms of the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government have been taken by the management of EPI/Government.

Grant of rebate on unsold khadi

2715. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Khadi and Village Industries Association has approached his Ministry for rebate on the unsold khadi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. Rebate is payable only on Khadi sold.

(b) Does not arise.

RUBBER FOR TYRE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

2716. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of rubber required for tyre and allied industries in the country in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that indigenous manufacturers are getting lesser prices than their foreign counterparts; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) The consumption of rubber viz. natural rubber and synthetic rubber during