

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination in consultation with the management of the Company.

Fire-fighting equipment

*165. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to modernise the existing fire-fighting equipment in Delhi;

(b) what is the number of new fire-stations proposed to be set up in 1980-81 in Delhi; and

(c) whether special equipment will be provided for fire-fighting in multi-storeyed buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Two hydraulic platforms (Snorkels), which are the latest sophisticated equipment for fire-fighting and rescue from heights, were given by the Government of India as grant-in-aid to the Delhi Municipal Corporation in the year 1979. The Delhi Municipal Corporation are purchasing one of the latest hydraulically operated turntable ladders with a working height of 45 metres for rescue and fire-fighting at heights this year. Old fire engines are being replaced by the latest type of fire engines.

(b) One new fire station is proposed to be set up by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the year 1980-81.

(c) Special equipment has already been provided for firefighting in multi-storeyed buildings as mentioned in reply to part (a) of this Question.

Concentration of Poor and Unemployed Persons in certain States

*166. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 72 per cent of the total population of the country below the poverty line is concentrated in seven States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that if Orissa and Karnataka are added to the list of seven States, 83 per cent of the poor population of 15 States would be accounted for;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unemployment in these seven States constitutes two thirds of the total unemployment in the country; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. These estimates relate to 1972-73.

(d) The broad approach to the removal of poverty and reduction in unemployment will be outlined in the Sixth Five Year Plan which is now under preparation.

American journalist in Assam

*167. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an American journalist Mr. David Godman was placed under surveillance by the security police after his arrival from Assam, and was also interrogated by high officials of RAW and SIB;

(b) whether some secret documents were found in Mr. Godman's possession;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) what action, if any, Government have taken against Mr. Godman