

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Licences for the manufacture of T.V. sets and electronic calculators

1337. SHRI V. P. MUNUSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licences for the manufacture of TV sets and electronic calculators were issued during the past ten years mostly to units located around Delhi due to their 'lobby power' and better access to the policy-makers;

(b) what step Government have taken both at policy-making and policy-implementation levels to ensure that licences issued for setting up industrial units manufacturing a particular product are equitably spread out in different States and Union Territories in proportion to their population to realise the Government's objective of creating job opportunities throughout the country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the applications for industrial licences are kept pending for lack of policy-decision?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Industrial licences/approvals are not issued on the basis of population in different States/Union Territories. At the same time, efforts have been/are being made to distribute the manufacturing capacities for TV sets and electronic calculators more equitably throughout the country, including those regions where the electronics industry had not developed satisfactorily in the past.

(c) No, Sir.

Requirement of paper in the country

1338. SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA MAHANTI:

SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: 1622 RS—4

(a) whether the Government of India propose to enter into paper machinery manufacturing agreement with the Government of U.S.S.R. on the basis of a package deal: and

(b) what progress of Government of India have so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

हिन्दी समाचार एजेंसियों द्वारा दिये गये समाचारों का उपयोग

1339. श्री प्रेम मनोहर : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दी समाचार एजेंसियों द्वारा दिये गये समाचारों का आकाशवाणी के समाचार सेवा प्रभाग में उपयोग किया जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले एक मास के दौरान इस प्रकार की प्रत्येक समाचार एजेंसी द्वारा दिये गये समाचारों की कितनी कितनी पंक्तियों का आकाशवाणी ने उपयोग किया ?

[Use of news reports provided by the Hindi News Agencies]

1339. SHRI PREM MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the News Services Division of the Akashvani makes use of the news items made available by the Hindi News Agencies; and

(b) if so, what coverage was given by the Akashvani to the news items made available by each of such news agencies during the last one month, line-wise?

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