

(b) since how long such disputes have been lying pending; and

(c) how many of such disputes relate to public sector industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) 366.

(b) The pendency is as given below:

| 1—3 months | 3—6 months | 6—12 months | Over 1 year | |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 157 | 90 | 66 | 53 | 366 |

Pro-Peking and anti-Indian elements in Nepal

459. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI JAGBIR SINGH:

SHRI O. P. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 4th October, 1974 to the effect that Pro-Peking and some other anti-Indian elements in Nepal are proposing to establish a national front; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The political complexion and activities of such a "national front" are primarily a matter which concerns the Government of Nepal.

Bharat Electronics Ltd.

460. SHRI J. S. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from small scale units against the appointment of

private agencies as sales distributors of the Bharat Electronics Ltd; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government have not received any representation from small scale units against the appointment of private agencies as sales distributors of Bharat Electronics Ltd. However, a representation was received regarding the supply of valves and transistors by B.E.L. to the small scale units through the Company's distributors and not direct.

(b) In view of the difficulties explained by the small scale units, Bharat Electronics Ltd., have reversed their decision and again started supply of valves and transistors to the small scale units directly, as was being done by the Company previously.

Sikkim Chief Minister's visit to New Delhi

461. SHRI RABI RAY:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI GURMUKH SINGH MUSAFIR:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: