

(c) Alternative arrangements for the supply of materials/equipment for RAPS-II which were earlier to come from Canada are being made to ensure completion of its construction.

Posts of Translator-cum-Announcer in Nepali in All India Radio, Delhi

1267. SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BUR-AGOHAIN:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 895 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th November, 1973 and state:

(a) whether the posts of Translator-cum-Announcer in Nepali in All India Radio, Delhi have since been filled up;

(b) if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the panel prepared by the Selection Board remains valid; and if so, till when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) No, Sir;

(b) and (c) The panel for the posts is still under consideration and has not yet been accepted. The validity of the panel will depend on the decision which the Government may take on its acceptance or otherwise.

Government's contradiction on press-news

1268. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain news appearing in the press frequently create a scare in the public which warrants Government contradiction;

(b) whether it is a fact that the recent press report on non-acceptance of 100 rupee note in certain cities of U.P. created a scare in those cities which was later on contradicted by Government; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to see that the news are correctly reproduced in the press?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Incorrect news do sometimes create a scare and have to be promptly contradicted.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Press in India is free. However, correct information is disseminated by Government to contradict wrong facts or clarify matters, whenever necessary.

हिन्द साइकिल्स लिमिटेड का कार्यकरण

1269. श्री महादेव प्रसाद वर्मा:

श्री सीताराम सिंह:

क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्द साइकिल्स लिमिटेड के बम्बई और गाजियाबाद के दो एककों को सरकार ने जनवरी, 1974 में अपने हाथ में ले लिया था और बम्बई एकक को जून 1974 में चालू कर दिया गया है जबकि गाजियाबाद एकक अभी भी बन्द है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो गाजियाबाद के बन्द पड़े एकक के रखरखाव पर प्रति मास कितना खर्च किया जा रहा है और उक्त एकक को चालू न करने के क्या कारण हैं?

†[Working of Hind Cycle Ltd.]

1269. SHRI M. P. VARMA:

SHRI SITARAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†[] English translation.

(a) whether it is a fact that two units of Hind Cycles Limited at Bombay and Ghaziabad were taken over by Government in January, 1974 and the Bombay Unit has been commissioned in June, 1974 whereas the Ghaziabad unit is still closed; and

(b) if so, the monthly expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the closed unit at Ghaziabad together with the reasons for not commissioning the said unit?]

औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री

(श्री जैड० आर० अन्सारी): (क) हिन्द साइकिल लिमिटेड के बन्द तथा गाजियाबाद स्थित एककों का प्रबंध 3 जनवरी, 1974 को सरकार ने अपने हाथ में ले लिया था। दोनों एकक क्रमशः 10 जून 1974 तथा 16 अगस्त 1974 को पुनः चालू कर दिए गए हैं।

(ख) गाजियाबाद एकक का निश्चित व्यय जिसमें किराया, बिजली, मजदूरी, कार्यरत कर्मचारियों का वेतन, सुरक्षा कर्मचारी तथा स्थापना पर व्यय आदि सम्मिलित हैं, लगभग 50,000 रुपए है। पिछले प्रबंधक वर्ग के कार्यकाल में सचित भारी देयताओं के परिणामस्वरूप विभिन्न प्रक्रिया विषयक तथा कानूनी कठिनाइयाँ उठ खड़ी हुई थी। इसके पहले कि उपक्रम पुनः चालू किया जाए, व आवश्यक वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाए इन कठिनाइयों का समाधान संबंधित विभागों, राज्य सरकारों तथा वित्तीय संस्थानों के परामर्श से करना पड़ा। गाजियाबाद एकक एक समायोजनकारी संयंत्र (एम्ब्रिलिग प्लांट) है जिगका संचालन बंबई स्थित एकक से माल पहुंचाने पर निर्भर है, अतएव उसे बाद में चालू किया गया।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a)

The management of the Bombay and Ghaziabad units of Hind Cycles Ltd. was taken over on 3-1-1974. The two units have been reopened on 10-6-74 and 16-8-74 respectively.

(b) The monthly fixed expenditure on the Ghaziabad unit, which includes rent, electricity, wages and salaries for retained staff, workers and security forces and maintenance of establishment, was approximately Rs. 50,000. Various procedural and legal difficulties had arisen as a consequence of the heavy liabilities which the unit had accumulated under the previous management. These had to be resolved in consultation with the concerned Departments, State Governments and financial institutions, before necessary financial assistance could be provided for restarting the undertaking. The Ghaziabad unit being an assembly plant, whose operation is dependent on supplies from the Bombay unit, was opened later.]

Manufacture of T.V. and other Electronic Devices

1270. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI GURMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR:

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are various complaints from the Small Scale Electronic manufacturers for granting permission to manufacture T.V. sets and other electronic devices to large scale sector in preference to small scale sector; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken by Government to help the small scale manufacturers in preference to the large scale one?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any complaints from the small-scale manufacturers regarding permission granted to the large-scale sector for manufacture of TV sets and other electronic devices in preference