

of these two exchanges is expected to be carried out during this financial year.]

Setting up of a Cement Plant at Chanakha in Maharashtra

530. SHRI D. S. PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has started work on the setting up of a cement plant at Chanakha near Yeotmal in Maharashtra; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Cement Corporation of India has no proposal to set up a cement plant at Chanakha near Yeotmal in Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

Tours by the retired PIO

531. SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recommended tours of the former Principal Information Officer prior to his retirement;

(b) if so, what are the details of tours undertaken by the officer along with the expenses thereon between the scheduled date when he was due to proceed on 'leave preparatory to retirement' and April 22, 1974;

(c) whether Government are contemplating for sending them abroad during the period of refused leave; and

(d) if so, what benefits the Press Information Bureau will accrue from such tours?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b) Touring is undertaken by the Principal Information Officer for supervisory inspection of the Bureau Offices situated throughout the country. Such tours also enable him to assess the information needs of the area through meetings with the Press Information Bureau officers, State Government Officers, Editors and other Pressmen. A statement showing the duty tours performed by the P.I.O. from 1st March, 1974 till date is enclosed.

(<] No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Place of Journey	Duration of journey	Amount of the bill Rs.	Fare		Total Expenditure Rs.
			Rail Rs.	Air Rs.	
1. Madras and Vijaywada	.. 1-3-74 to 4-3-74	120.10	220.00	1,250.00	1,590.10
2. Bangalore 13-3-74 to 15-3-74	66.00	..	1,240.00	1,306.00
3. Gauhati and Shillong 3-4-74 to 6-4-74	120.50	..	1,320.00	1,440.50
Total	..	306.60	220.00	3,810.00	4,336.60