

There has been an increase in production of both castings and forgings in 1972 compared to that in 1971 though it is still less than the installed capacity.

(b) Yes, Sir. Pig iron required for iron castings and tested quality carbon steels, low alloy constructional steels in the shape of blooms, billets, squares, rounds, flats etc., required for forgings were not available in sufficient quantities.

(c) The shortfall in the indigenous availability of raw materials is being met by imports as per policy. A Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Iron & Steel Controller to assess the requirements of pig iron for the consuming industries and to lay down suitable guidelines for allocation. For conventional types of castings and free forgings, creation of further capacity is not being encouraged.

#### CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES IN TRIPURA

807. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of January 2, 1974 to the effect that anti-India views were being preached by the Christian Missionaries particularly by the doctors and priests of foreign origin among the tribals in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the relevant news report published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 2nd January, 1974. According to information received from the Government of Tripura, there is no specific information to substantiate the allegation made in the news report. They have also reported that neither any doctor nor any priest of foreign origin has remained in Tripura since the beginning of this year. The State Government are, however, maintaining the utmost vigilance.

#### F.M. (FREQUENCY MODULATION) PROGRAMME

808. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for installation of F.M. (frequency modulation) broadcasting transmitter at Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras by the end of 1973 has since been shelved; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on the radio producing units in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) A scheme for installation of F.M. broadcasting transmitters at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras was included in the Fourth Plan and was expected to be completed by the end of 1973. The implementation of the scheme has, however, been delayed as it was intended to use only indigenously manufactured transmitters by Bharat Electronics which have not yet commenced production of this equipment. The scheme has not been shelved.

(b) Does not arise.

#### REDUCTION IN POWER RATES IN RAJASTHAN

809. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study team sponsored by Industrial Development Bank of India and Reserve Bank of India etc., had suggested reduction in the power rates by the Rajasthan Government for attracting industrial units in that State; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the suggestions made by the team and whether Government have obtained the views of Rajasthan Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The Industrial Potential Survey on Rajasthan sponsored by IDBI, RBI, ICICI, IFC and AFC in their Report finalised in August 1972 had suggested power tariffs in the State to be reviewed *vis-a-vis* the rates prevailing in other States, particularly because exploitation of the State's mining resources is contingent upon the availability of power at reasonable rates. Large-scale industries based on electrothermal or electro-metallurgical process also needed cheap electrical power. The report suggested that the electric power rate for such units should be in the range of 3 paise to 5 paise per KW and individual cases should be examined with regard to tariff rates by the concerned authorities on their merits. The Rajasthan State has yet to take a final view in the matter.

#### PRODUCTION OF CALCIUM CARBONATE ELECTROLYTIC MANGANESE DIOXIDE

810. SHRIMATI KUMUDBEN MANISHANKAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the power cut had affected the production of calcium carbonate and there has been shortfall in the production of electrolytic manganese dioxide during the last two years; and

(bi if so, to what extent and the steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA) : (a) There are 4 units which are engaged in the manufacture of calcium carbonate. Their total production during the year 1971, 1972 and 1973 was as follows:—

	Tonnes
1971 . . . . .	13,827
1972 . . . . .	15,121
1973 . . . . .	14,461

The production of one of these units which is located in Uttar Pradesh was adversely affected due to power cut during the year 1973.

As regards electrolytic manganese dioxide, there is only one unit which is engaged in its manufacture. It started production from July, 1971. Its production during the last three years is indicated below :—

	Tonnes
1971 (from July'71 onwards)	374 445
1972 . . . . .	1600
1973 . . . . .	1479

The firm did not report short fall in production due to power cut. It appears that accumulation of stock was probably the reason for their comparatively smaller production during 1973.

(bi It is not possible to assess the exact quantum of loss in production due to power cut alone as there are various factors which contribute to the final output. The following steps have been taken to increase the production of power :—

1. Maximisation of generation of power of all existing units;
2. Exchange of powers from neighbouring systems where surplus power is available;
3. Accelerating the commissioning of the units which are in advanced stage of construction; and
4. Arranging supply of coal and spare parts needed by generating units on priority basis.

#### EXPORT OF FEATURE FILMS

811. SHRI M. K. MOHTA • Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

the\* number of Indian feature films exported so far through the State Trading Corporation since their canalisation and the names of the countries to which these films were exported and the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA.) : A statement is attached.

#### STATEMENT

Number of feature films exported from 1-11-1973 to 31-10-1973—587.

#### Names of countries/places to which the Films were exported

Afghanistan, Aden, Asmara, Albania, Arabian Gulf, Algeria, Bahrain, Beirut, Brazil, Benghazi, Bangladesh, Barundi, C'urbalanka, Canada, Cambodia, Dubai, Dkibuati, Doha, Ethiopia, Equador, Fiji, Freetown, France, GDR, Guyana, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hodeidh, Italy, Iran, Indonesia, Israel, Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Latin America, Japan, Laos, Mauritius, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Nairobi, U.S.A., Nigeria, Peru, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Stockholm, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad, Tanzania, U.K., U.A.R., U.S.S.R., Vcni-zuela, Vietnam and Yaman.

Value of the films exported is Rs. 595.5 lakhs approximately.

#### ATOMIC POWER STATION AT KALPAKKAM

812. DR. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prospects for getting power from the Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam, originally scheduled next year, have, now been pushed to 1977 or even beyond; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) According to the present schedule, the first unit of the Madras Atomic Power Project (MAPP) is expected to attain criticality in 1977 and the second unit in 1979. Full commissioning is expected some months after criticality.

(b) The main reasons for delay in the commissioning of MAPP are as follows :

- (i) Delays in the delivery of equipment by foreign as well as Indian suppliers;
- (ii) Delays due to various technical problems encountered during construction;
- (iii) Delays due to efforts made towards indigenisation;