

(a) Government is not aware about the closure of small scale units due to non-availability of E.C. Grade Aluminium. However, representations from the units have been received for inadequate supply of the material.

(b) Efforts are being made continuously to enhance the allocation of raw material for small scale units depending upon their availability.

Broadcast of Hindi News Bulletins from AIR

1639. SHRI M. B. SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to start the broadcasting of slow speed news bulletin by A.I.R. in the afternoon in Hindi as is being done in English; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b) A survey has been conducted to assess the utility of the slow-speed bulletin. The matter will be considered further in the light of the findings of the survey and other relevant factors including availability of time on AIR transmitters.

Corporation for Financing Small Newspapers

1640. SHRI M. B. SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned the plan to set up a corporation for financing and helping the small newspapers in the country;

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) by when a Bill to set up this corporation is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. It is proposed to introduce a Bill in the Lok Sabha shortly for the setting up of a Newspaper Finance Corporation, details in respect of which are still under consideration.

Visit of a Delegation from Yugoslavia

1641. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Yugoslav business-men visited New Delhi recently and discussed with him the possible fields of cooperation between India and Yugoslavia, under the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the main features of the talks and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) A Trade and Economic Delegation from Yugoslavia comprising Government officials as well as representatives from trade met the Minister of State for Planning and Shri M. S. Pathak, Member, Planning Commission on 17th November, 1973. In the talks, which were exploratory in nature, both sides discussed the prospects of extension of economic cooperation between the two countries.

Select List of Section Officers

1642. SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government have recently received any representation for enhancing the size of the Select List of Section Officers for 1973; and if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Representations have been