

Electric bulb manufacturing units

654. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government on the basis of the report of the Committee which was set up to suggest remedial measures to safeguard the interest of the small manufacturers of bulbs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by Government and no decisions have so far been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

Postponement of Fifth Plan

655. SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER :
SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research has suggested postponement of the Fifth Plan by one year; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government do not share the assessment of the National Council of Applied Economic Research. It is the considered opinion and faith of the Government that planned economy is all the more necessary in such circumstances and it will be disastrous to accept plan holiday in any form as suggested by the NCAER. Accord-

ingly, the Draft Fifth Plan is being finalised. The Plan will be finalised in time for its becoming operational from the due date of 1st April, 1974.

Indo-Soviet talks on Radio-T.V. programme

656. SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER :
SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any talks were recently held with a U.S.S.R. delegation regarding exchange of Radio and T. V. programmes between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A 'Protocol' on Cooperation in the field of Television and Radio Broadcasting between Government of India and the USSR Council of Ministers State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting was signed on 23-10-1973, the main features of which are as follows :

1. Exchange of documentaries, informational and newsreel films, as well as programmes reflecting the life and culture of both the countries.

2. Exchange of educational programmes for children, youth and adults, musical programmes and concerts, scenarios for plays and programmes on current affairs of both the countries.

3. Exchange of Radio and TV programmes on the National Holidays of the two countries.

4. Exchange of professional personnel of both the countries on short term assignments as may be mutually agreed upon in advance to prepare features, shoot films, to share know how and to discuss problems of mutual interest.