

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

(b) Karaikal is adequately covered by the existing mediumwave Station at Tiruchi. We have no proposal therefore to set up a relay station at Karaikal.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Programme Advisory Committees of various stations, including that of Pondicherry, are, however, being reconstituted.

(d) Fifth Plan proposals for expansion of TV are under consideration of the Planning Commission.

(e) This was considered but the proposal was not found feasible as the number of French-knowing people in Pondicherry is not substantial.

Arrests under D.I.R.

1103. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) names of the States where D.I.R. against hoarders is being invoked; and

(b) the State-wise number of persons arrested under D.I.R. upto July, 1973, on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory Administrations of Andaman and Nicobar, Chandigarh, Goa, Daman and Diu, Laccadiv, Mini-coy and Amindivi and Pondicherry have not yet invoked Defence of India Rules, 1971, against hoarders. Information is being collected from the other State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

1104. [Transferred to the 29 th August, 1973.]

Manufacture of consumer goods

1105. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

SHRI Y. M. MAKWANA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up units of Consumer goods production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) It is one of Government's objectives to expand and extend the role of the public sector into new fields, including production of mass consumption goods in which significant production gaps are likely to develop in the future.

(b) Proposals for the manufacture of some consumer goods like Electric lamps, Tyres and Tubes in the public sector are under consideration and feasibility reports for some of these items have been prepared/are under preparation. However, the process of final selection of the consumer industries to be taken up in public sector has not been completed so far.

Appointment of Deputy Commandant in B.S.F.

1106. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an officer has recently been re-employed as Deputy Commandant in the Border Security Force after