

CHARGING OF HIGH COMMISSION ON RAW MATERIALS BY SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

666. **SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER :**
SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the canalising agencies like the Small Industries Development Corporations are charging High Commission on raw materials;

(b) if so, whether it has been done on the advice of any Committee;

(c) whether this would adversely effect the working of small scale units in the country; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to eliminate this discrimination against the small scale sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) A number of representations have been received by this Ministry wherein it has been requested that the Commission charged by State Small Industries Corporations, M. M. T. C. and S. T. C. etc. on steel and other imported raw materials may be reduced.

(b) The prices of imported raw materials canalised through STC, MMTC etc. are determined by a Committee in the Ministry of Commerce.

(c) High prices of raw materials are one of the factors which adversely affect the working of small scale units.

(d) A Committee was appointed by Ministry of Steel and Mines to go into this question. Their report is under consideration of the Ministry of Steel and Mines.

CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL PANEL ON MASS COMMUNICATION MEDIA

667. **SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute a national panel to advise the Government on mass communication media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the panel is expected to be constituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) A proposal is under consideration to set up a National Council for Mass Communication.

(b) and (c) Details of the Council are being worked out.

SETTING UP OF CAPTIVE THERMAL PLANTS

668. **SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :**

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to allow industry to set up captive thermal plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b) The resolution of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has been noted by Government. There are no such proposals at present under consideration of Government.

LAUNCHING OF A SATELLITE

669. **SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :**
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :

Will the Minister of **SPACE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian made satellite is likely to be launched from a Soviet Cosmodrome next year;

(b) whether the satellite launching will be given commands from India;

(c) whether the information transmitted from the satellite will be received only in India and will be processed by Indian scientists ; and