

tation with effect from the 31st October, 1972 in this connection; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon; and what action is proposed to be taken in order to reassure the employees in this regard ?]

**प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी):** (क)

से (ग) जी, हा। तथापि यह सही नहीं है कि राजस्थान परमाणु विद्युत् परियोजना के लगभग 2,000 कर्मचारियों की छंटनी की जाने की सम्भावना है। ऐसा अनुमान लगाया गया है कि मार्च, 1973 तक केवल 170 के लगभग कर्मचारियों को अतिरिक्त घोषित करना पड़ेगा। यद्यपि राजस्थान परमाणु विद्युत् परियोजना जैसी निर्माण-परियोजना में छंटनी करना अनिवार्य हो जाता है, तथापि छंटनी किये गए सभी कर्मचारियों को फिर से रोजगार पाने में हर सम्भव सहायता दी जायेगी।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, it is not true that about 2000 employees of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP) are likely to be retrenched. Only about 170 employees, it has been estimated, would be declared surplus by March 1973. Though retrenchment in a construction project like RAPP is inescapable, every assistance will be given to the retrenched staff in securing reemployment]

**ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF P.I.B.**

\*515. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'PIB and Parkinson's Law' in the National Herald of September 24, 1972;

(b) how far the reports about the top heavy administration and ever expanding administrative structure of the PIB are correct; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure economy in the administration of the PIB ?

† [ English translation.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :** (a), Yes, Sir.

(b) The sweeping remarks made in the news-feature are not borne out by the facts.

(c) The staff structure and workload of the Press Information Bureau is examined periodically like that of other Government offices, by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. One such scrutiny was recently completed. The first part of the Unit's report has been implemented, reducing 2 posts of Assistants, 4 of Upper Division Clerk and 11 of Lower Division Clerk i.e. by about 10% of the administrative posts. The second part dealing with the remaining posts is now under Government's consideration.

**INCREASE IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTA FOR SMALL SCALE SECTOR**

\*516. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :  
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the foreign exchange quota for small scale industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) :** (a) and (b) Foreign exchange availability for import of raw materials for small scale industries has progressively increased during the last few years. An increase of ten per cent over the current year's allocation is expected during the next year.

**STRANDED POSTAL ARTICLES**

\*517. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :  
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has committed at a news conference on the 21st September, 1972 that 53,000 postal