

LXXVIII Annexure No 39] Another statement showing the retail prices of selected building materials as on 31-12-70 and 16-11-71 in Delhi and giving reasons for increase in the prices if any is also attached [See Appendix LXXVIII, Annexure No 40] The prices of building materials are collected by the Delhi Administration at the end of every quarter and as such the prices for the quarter ending 31-12-70 have been quoted

(c) The Government is taking immediate steps to relieve shortages and all requisite steps to maintain price stability some of which are as given below —

- (i) increase in production agricultural and industrial—to meet the demand
- (ii) fixation of prices statutorily or informally
- (iii) organisation of public distributive system for essential commodities like foodgrains and milk
- (iv) fair distribution of essential commodities through regulatory controls under the Essential Commodities Act 1955 and
- (v) availability of essential commodities through cooperative channels

#### REFUSAL BY THE EMPLOYEES OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NOT TO ACCEPT THEIR PAY

639 SHRI GANESH LAL CHAUDHARY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecommunications engineers had decided not to accept their pay packets on November 1st, 1971 as a protest,

(b) if so what are their grievances, and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS/संचार मंत्री (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) The Engineering Supervisors who are in the non gazetted

cadre did not accept their pay on 1st November 1971. All other engineers received their pay.

(b) They demand overtime allowance for extra duty and better pay scales.

(c) These officers are casual duty supervisory staff and have no fixed duty hours at present. The question of giving them fixed duties and grant of overtime allowance is however under consideration of the department. As regards the revision of their pay scales it will be considered after the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission are known.

#### FAMILY PLANNING PUBLICITY

640 SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHAUDHURY Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/सूचना और प्रचारण मंत्री be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the two officers of Press Information Bureau were sent recently to USA for advanced training in Family Planning Publicity and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING/सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) (a) Yes, Sir. They were sent to attend a workshop in June-August 1970.

(b) To give them realistic experience in the planning production and execution of Family Planning publicity programmes.

#### AGREEMENT WITH TATA GROUP COMPANY

641 SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHAUDHURY Will the PRIME MINISTER/प्रधान मंत्री be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently allowed a Tata Group Company to import expensive Data Processing Systems on promise of export of Computers software