

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c) It has been represented to Government that Naval Officers serving afloat are financially at a disadvantage and should be granted free rations, as admissible to Army and Air Force Officers serving in forward areas. The matter is under examination.

MANUFACTURE OF CHEAP TRANSISTORS

1230. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the progress so far made in the manufacture of small and cheap transistors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): The production of cheap radio receivers priced less than Rs. 125 in the organised sector since 1966 is given below :—

Year	No. of low priced sets below Rs. 125
1966 . . .	52,499
1967 . . .	206,587
1968 . . .	503,812

The percentage of sets priced below Rs. 125 was 37% of the total production of radios in the organised sector during 1968. The production of radio sets in the small scale sector during 1968 has been estimated as 7 lakh numbers and bulk of this production is of low priced sets.

75% of the new capacity for manufacture of radios licensed since September 1966 is to be compulsorily used for making cheap radios and transistors priced less than Rs. 165.

मध्य प्रदेश का विकास

1231. श्री दयालदास कुर्रे: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या मध्य प्रदेश के पिछड़ेपन को ध्यान में रखते हुए केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर, सरगुजा, रायगढ़, बिलासपुर और झाबुआ जिलों के सम्पूर्ण विकास के लिये चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में कोई पृथक् योजना सम्मिलित करने का विचार रखती है ?

†[DEVELOPMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH

1231. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether in view of the backwardness of Madhya Pradesh, the Central Government propose to include any separate scheme in the Fourth Five Year Plan for the overall development of Bastar. Sarguja, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Jhaua districts of Madhya Pradesh?]

प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : राज्य के अन्तर्गत पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए प्रावधान करना, सम्बद्ध राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है। आशा है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार इन क्षेत्रों के तीव्र विकास के लिए अपनी योजना सीमा के अन्तर्गत समुचित प्रावधान करेगी।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): Making provision for the development of backward areas within a State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. It is presumed that the Government of Madhya Pradesh will make suitable provision for the accelerated development of these areas within their Plan ceiling.]

Ad Hoc CONSULTATION ON TEA AT KAMPALA

1232. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the gains India derived from "Third Ad Hoc Consultation on Tea" held at Kampala (Uganda) in January, 1969 and from talks at Colombo during the visit of the Union Commerce Secretary to Ceylon in January, 1969; and

(b) the details of the two discussions and improvement likely to follow so far as India's share in world tea trade is concerned as a result of the two meetings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) It is too early to assess the gains India derived and the improvement likely to follow so far

†[] English translation.