

(b) if so, what are the considerations on which Government felt the necessity of taking such a decision; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that difficulty is being experienced in implementing this scheme for want of foreign exchange?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह) :

(क) से (ग) सरकार संसद् सदस्यों को मासिक किराये या किराया-खरीद के आधार पर टेली-विजन सेट देने के एक प्रस्ताव को तैयार कर रही है। योजना का विवरण तैयार किया जा रहा है। जहां तक सम्भव होगा ये सेट भारत के बने हुए होंगे। भाव यह है कि राष्ट्रीय विकास तथा शिक्षा के माध्यम के रूप में टेलीविजन की उपयोगिता तथा इस का देश के अन्य भागों में विस्तार करने के बारे में संसद् सदस्य अपने विचार बना सकें।

†[THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) to (c) Government is working on a proposal to give television sets to Members of Parliament either on monthly rent or on hire purchase basis. Details of the Scheme are being worked out. As far as possible, the sets supplied will be of indigenous manufacture.

The idea is that Members of Parliament should be enabled to form their own opinion about the usefulness of this medium as a vehicle of national development and education and about the necessity of its extension to other parts of the country.]

‡ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

713. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have agreed to assist the Government of Malaysia in her industrial development ;

(b) whether as a result of the official level talks held at New Delhi any plan has been evolved by both the countries; and

†[] English translation.

‡ Transferred from the 5th August, 1968.

(c) if so, the type of assistance proposed to be given by India?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two delegations however discussed ways and means of strengthening relations between the two countries in the cultural, commercial, industrial, technological and scientific fields.

(c) The following assistance has been offered to Malaysia.

(1) Gift of agricultural equipment.

(2) Undertaking of a techno-economic survey in Malaysia.

(3) Gift of equipment and machinery as manufactured in India to an Institute of Technology proposed to be established in Malaysia.

(4) Deputation of 83 instructors initially to man the Institute of Technology for periods ranging from six months to 3 years.

(5) The training of 23 instructors in India who would on return manage the Institute of Technology.

(6) 500 training seats have been offered in various technical and vocational institutions in India to Malaysians during the next three years.

(7) Deputation of Indian experts in various fields.

†PRESIDENT AYUB KHAN'S BROADCAST ON FARRAKA BARRAGE

749. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a broadcast made by President Ayub Khan of Pakistan on June, 1 last, calling for talks at a political level to settle the problem arising out of the construction of the Farakka barrage and

(b) if so, what are Government's reactions thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

† Transferred from the 6th August 1968.