

## RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 22nd March, 1966/the 1st Chairra, 1888 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,  
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### MEMBER SWORN

Shri Jagannath Prasad (Rajasthan)

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF BHABHA COMMITTEE

\*664. SHRI D. THENGARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of the Bhabha Committee on the development of the electronics industry in India; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENCE SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) The Report of the Electronics Committee presided over by the late Dr. Homi Bhabha is integrated and comprehensive and it would be difficult to prepare a brief summary thereof. Copies of the reports are expected to be placed on the Table of the House in the near future.

(b) The Report has been drawn up after very careful work spread over two years in which a number of experts including user Ministries were continuously associated. Therefore, the broad pattern of development of the electronics industry, as recommended by the Committee, is likely to be accepted by Government. The Report, however, is comprehensive and voluminous. Government will need some time to consider it fully and to institute action on all the recommendations. It is expected that the investments involved can be accommodated within the Fourth Plan allocations.

SHRI D. THENGARI : If the Report is comprehensive, will the Government give us the salient features of the recommendations and by what time the Government proposes to complete the examination of the Report and form its reaction?

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SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI : Sir, the salient features of the recommendations are : The present requirement of electronics, the present capacity which the country produces, what would be the requirement at the end of ten years, what would be the demand, what are the present industries, what are the sources where indigenous components could be manufactured, what further researches should be made? These are the broad outlines of the Report. The Report will be laid within a week or so, I think.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया : क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलाएंगे कि इस युग में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स की इतनी आवश्यकता को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए क्या सरकार इस पर शीघ्र निर्णय लेकर शीघ्र ही इसके लिये कोई प्लान बनाकर उस रिपोर्ट का पूरा उपयोग लेगी ?

श्री जयसुख लाल हाथी : उसका निर्णय ले लिया है और जो काम अभी हो रहा है उसको आगे बढ़ाने के लिये कार्यवाही हो भी रही है और जल्दी से जल्दी हम उनके बारे में निर्णय भी करेंगे ।

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : One of the ideas examined by the Bhabha Committee was, making available more goods by way of electronic equipments which students and others could get so that education in electronics becomes easier and also some sort of cottage industries for electronics would be developed. May I ask him if the Government has examined this aspect of the Report or the recommendation and if any programmes are likely to be undertaken for that purpose?

SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI : This can be divided into two parts. One is for civil consumption for which there are a few industries and further action in that behalf will be taken. The other is for our defence requirements.

\*665. [For answer, vide cols. 4007-4008 infra.]

प्रतिरक्षा संबंधी आवश्यकताओं तथा  
असैनिक उत्पादन के बीच समन्वय

\*666. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव :  
क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे