

everything possible. As the House is aware, a new Department of Defence Supplies has also been constituted in the Ministry.

**DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR :** May I whether the Government is considering keeping the defence production in the public sector in view of the fact that it is a strategic industry ?

**SHRI A. M. THOMAS :** The manufacture of arms and ammunitions is entirely to be in the public sector but with regard to certain components and parts which are to be used, we are thinking of utilising the private sector so that the ordnance factories may concentrate on more sophisticated equipments and parts.

**SHRI B. K. P. SINHA :** What is the idea of the Government in this respect, whether the idea is that the private sector should be allowed to manufacture complete military arms or the idea is that they would go in for production of parts and other accessories or the idea is that they produce certain things which are not armaments but are needed in warfare ? What is the idea ?

**SHRI A. M. THOMAS :** The idea is the latter one. It is not our idea to entrust the manufacture of complete arms and ammunition to the private sector.

**SHRI M. M. DHARIA :** In view of the fact that some friendly countries have stopped the supply of military requirements, may we know whether the Government is considering to have that production in our own country and whether they are going to convert the present industries, either in the public or private sector, for such manufacture ?

**SHRI A. M. THOMAS :** The new orientation has been given in the context of our difficulties to get some of these parts. Even otherwise, import substitution is always desirable. That has been kept in view and we are utilising our public sector as well as private sector industries to the extent possible for import substitution.

**SHRI M. C. SHAH :** What is the investment proposed for defence industries during the Fourth Plan and what is the foreign exchange required for it ?

**SHRI A. M. THOMAS :** With regard to the Fourth Plan we have appointed certain study groups in consultation with the Planning Commission. They have submitted their report. They have been discussed

with the Planning Commission also. It is not possible to mention all the sectors in which investment will be necessary. For example, for electronics, in the next five years we may have to make investment of Rs. 34 crores in the public sector and about Rs. 20 crores in the private sector. With that objective in view we are making the necessary plans.

\*530. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3160 infra.]

\*531. [The questioner (Shri Lila Dhar Barooah) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3160-3161 infra.]

\*532. [For answer, vide col. 3158 infra.]

#### BROADCASTING STATION AT SAMBALPUR

\*533. **SHRI S. SUPAKAR :** Will be Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to convert Sambalpur Station of the A.I.R. into a full-fledged broadcasting station; and

(b) if so, when the proposal will materialise ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) :** (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal to convert Sambalpur into a partial programme originating centre is included in the draft Fourth Five Year Plan which is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission.

(b) During the Fourth Plan period, if approved.

\*534. [The questioner (Shri T. V. Anandan) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3161-3162 infra.]

#### WAGE BOARD FOR DEFENCE EMPLOYEES

\*535. { **SHRI M. M. DHARIA :** †  
**SHRIMATI TARA RAM-CHANDRA SATHE :**

Will be the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Defence Employees Federation for the appointment of a Wage Board for Defence Employees; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri M. M. Dharia.