

DISPUTE IN I.T.I.

*743. SHRI G. MURAHARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether a fresh attempt has been made between the management and the employees for the settlement of the disputes pending in the Indian Telephone Industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): Yes Sir. The management and the employees of the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore, have agreed to refer the dispute for arbitration by the Minister of Communications and Parliamentary Affairs.

MICROWAVE TRANSMISSION

*744. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the work on microwave transmission schemes between Calcutta-Assam and Ambala-Chandi-garh-Simla has commenced;

(b) whether contract for supply and installation of necessary equipment has been placed; and

(c) if so, when are these two projects likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Calcutta-Assam Microwave project is expected to be completed progressively in sections during 1965. The Ambala-Chandigarh-Simla Microwave Project is expected to be completed by June, 1965.

INDIAN AID MISSION IN NEPAL

*745. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an Indian Aid Mission working in Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the functions of the Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Aid Mission administers the economic and technical aid which India is giving to Nepal under the Technical Assistance Scheme of the Colombo Plan. The Mission co-ordinates work in India-aided projects in diverse fields of Nepal's economic advancement. Members of the Aid Mission act as Advisers to the departments of His Majesty's Government of Nepal responsible for the construction of India-Aided development projects in different fields, such as communications, Irrigation, Water Supply, Power, Horticulture, Veterinary, Industrial Development, Geological Survey, Education, Archaeology and Technical Assistance etc. With the agreement of His Majesty's Government, the Mission is also responsible directly for the implementation of certain projects, such as the Kalh-mandu Water Supply Scheme.

REPATRIATION OF THE ASSETS OF INDIANS COMING FROM BURMA

*746. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answers given to Starred Questions Nos. 31 and 53 in the Rajya Sabha on 8th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations on the question of repatriation of the assets left by Indians in Burma have since been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many trips have been made which were sent by Government to transport persons of Indian origin from Burma to India have been made between Rangoon