

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH):

(a) Yes, Sir. But generally only representatives of the interests concerned are invited by the Commission to attend these meetings.

(b) Normally from 11 A.M. to 5.30 P.M., with one hour's break for lunch.

(c) Ad hoc discussions are sometimes held by the Commission with groups or interests concerned in the case of important inquiries.

PRODUCTION OF BOOKS WITH FOREIGN COLLABORATION

*930. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for a collaboration between the Roy Thompson Group and some Indian businessmen to start a printing press in India for production of books and other printed matter; and

(b) if so, whether they will be permitted to enter into commercial printing and packaging as well or restricted only to book production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b) The Government of India have approved the proposal of M/s. New Horizons Private Ltd., New Delhi to establish a company in India in collaboration with M/s. Thomson Organisation Ltd., U.K. for the printing, publication and distribution of books, which will be primarily scientific, technical and other standard text-books. M/s. New Horizons Private Ltd., have since proposed that in the event of any spare un-utilised capacity of the machinery being available, the Indian Company may also be allowed to undertake such work which helps to earn and/or save foreign exchange. The proposal is under consideration.

*931. [Transferred to the list of questions for the 4th September, 1962, where it appears as Unstarred Question No. 1080-B.]

PURCHASE OF IRON ORE BY JAPAN FROM GOA IRON ORE MINES

*932. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the price of iron ore, purchased by Japan from the Goa Iron ore Mines, is higher than that of iron ore, to be purchased by them from the Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): No, Sir. Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines are still to be developed and supplies to Japan will start from 1964 only. As such the question of price from Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines does not arise.

BROADCASTS FROM CALCUTTA STATION OF A.I.R.

*933. SHRI RAM PRASANNA RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Calcutta Station of All India Radio broadcasts, even on shortwave bands, are not audible in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to make broadcasts by Calcutta Station audible in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. GOPALA REDDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The service from Calcutta has been planned on regional basis like other centres of All India Radio and is not expected to provide an all-India coverage.