

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). Government has, under the Essential Commodities Act, fixed prices for the following:—

(i) Rice and Paddy, (ii) Wheat and Wheat Products, (iii) Coal and Coke, (iv) Iron and Steel, (v) Raw-cotton, (vi) Fertilizers, and (vii) Copper.

I regret all the details about the dates of relevant notifications are not very readily available. The orders by and large are already effective.

(c) Does not arise.

DANDAKARANYA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*665. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the functions and powers of the newly constituted Dandakaranya Development Authority and if so, what; and

(b) what are reasons for bringing about such a change?

THE MINISTER OF REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) There is no change in the powers of the newly reconstituted Dandakaranya Development Authority, but with regard to its functions, the Authority has been given a measure of autonomy and is to prepare a general five year plan and a more specific plan for the current financial year. It will prepare its own budget with the approval of the Ministry of Rehabilitation, and will be entitled to make minor adjustments within the major allocations.

(b) For the expeditious implementation of the Dandakaranya Scheme.

RE-AUDITION OF MUSIC ARTISTES OF CUTTACK STATION OF A. I. R.

*666. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been pressing demands from the listeners and artistes for re-audition of all the music artistes of the Cuttack station of the All India Radio; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir; no such representation has been received by All India Radio.

दलाई लामा की हत्या का प्रयास

*६७०. श्री प्यारे लाल कुरील 'तलिब' : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को हाल ही में दलाई लामा की हत्या करने के प्रयास की घटना मालूम है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने दलाई लामा की सुरक्षा के लिये कोई विशेष प्रबन्ध किया है ?

†[ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE DALAI LAMA]

*670. SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent incident in which an attempt was made on the life of the Dalai Lama; and

(b) whether Government have made any special arrangement for the security of the Dalai Lama?]

†[] English translation.