

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is any scheme before them? May I know how they propose to recruit candidates for this Research Department?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The body is a separate, autonomous body by itself and it will have its own rules regarding the schemes it is introducing. I understand that one scheme has been before them.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know what are the subjects on which they are taking up research.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: There are eleven categories :

Problems of development of small-scale and cottage industries.

Demand for and supply of different sources of energy in India.

Energy requirements and sources of supply in the development of rural industries and agriculture.

Expansion of export possibilities for non-traditional export products—investigation into the export possibilities of light engineering goods.

Marketing research to aid small industries.

Demand forecast.

Study of taxation in India and in the capital exporting countries affecting foreign investment.

Transportation study.

Agrarian reform.

Study of the mineral industry of India to liquidate the gap between installed capacity and producing capacity of the industry.

Large and small industries' need for Kerala.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN CALCIUM CARBIDE

82. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to make India self-sufficient in calcium carbide; and

(b) if so, what are those steps and how far they have proved successful?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Licences for the establishment of new industrial undertakings as well as for effecting expansion of the existing undertakings have been granted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. These schemes, when implemented, will, it is hoped, bridge the gap between the estimated requirements and the production capacity for calcium carbide in the country.

OBSERVANCE OF RADIO MONTH

83. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision about observing a Radio Month every year; and

(b) if so, what is the amount set apart for the purpose in 1956-57?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) It has been decided to hold a Radio Week every year, instead of a Radio Month.

(b) No separate amount is set apart for Radio Week celebrations. It will form part of the normal programme activity of All India Radio.