

सूचना केन्द्र

3440. श्री सुरेन्द्र विक्रम : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अविकसित और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में सूचना केन्द्र खोले जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) और (ख) सूचना केन्द्रों के स्थान का चयन करने के जो मुख्य मापदण्ड हैं उनमें से एक विशिष्ट क्षेत्र का पिछड़ापन होना है। तथापि, वर्तमान वित्तीय सीमाओं को देखते हुए अतिरिक्त सूचना केन्द्र खोलने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Verdict of Press Council in B. G. Verghese case

3441. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation has been made to Government that the verdict of the Press Council in the B. G. Verghese case be made public; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A communication to this effect has been received by the Government. However, yet, another representation has been received contending that it will not be appropriate to make the verdict public. The matter is being examined.

Letters of Intent for setting up of Calcium Carbide Industries

3442. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) number of Letters of Intent issued for setting up Calcium Carbide industries since, 1975, State-wise;

(b) number of pending applications for Letters of Intent State-wise and for how long; and whether old applications were superseded due to favouritism; and

(c) whether Government propose to give preference to units desirous to be set up as Down-Stream base on Calcium Carbide; and how much idle capacity exists for both types of industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Nil. All applications are disposed of on merits and no favouritism is shown.

(c) This depends on the merit and economics of the down-stream based industries; generally a capacity utilisation of above 85 per cent of the installed capacity is considered good in the power-intensive Calcium Carbide Industry; at present, both the merchant and down-stream captive units in the country are operating at 81 per cent—89 per cent of their installed capacities.

Statement

State-wise break-up of number of "new calcium carbide units" granted letters of intent during 1975-77 (Upto June '77).

State	No.
Andhra Pradesh	1
Bihar	2
Haryana	1
Karnataka	1
Kerala	2
Madhya Pradesh	1
Meghalaya	1
Rajasthan	1
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	1
TOTAL	16