

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has given some suggestions to the Planning Commission to include them while taking the modernisation and rehovation schemes into consideration ;

(b) if so, what are those suggestions ; and

(c) the action taken by Planning Commission thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c). Central Electricity Authority has appraised schemes relating to Modernisation and Renovation of various Thermal Power Station which had been operating un-satisfactorily, and Department of Power recommended them to the Planning Commission for implementation under the Centrally sponsored scheme. All these schemes, have been approved by the Planning Commission, except in regard to a Power Station in Assam, which is under examination.

Foreign Firms to Manufacture T.V. in India

300. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign concern or multinational company has approached the Government for granting a licence for establishing their unit to manufacture T.V. sets in India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government ?

(c) whether it is a fact that picture tubes are being imported for black and white and colour T.V. sets ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to manufacture tubes in the country to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b)

The industrial licences are given by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA), Department of Industrial Development. The information will be collected and provided.

(c) There are marginal imports of Black and White picture tubes to meet the gap in demand and supply. The entire requirements of Colour Picture Tubes is currently being imported.

(d) Six units in the country are currently manufacturing B & W picture tubes and these are meeting 80% of the present requirements. Additional capacity is likely to be created in the near future to meet the growing demand. Three parties holding Letters of Intent for manufacture of colour picture tubes are taking effective steps to implement their respective projects and it is expected that capacities will be established during 1987.

Forest Villages in U.P. and Bihar

301. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing exact number of forest villages and the population thereof in U.P. and Bihar ; and

(b) the reasons for establishment of such villages in the forest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

[*Translation*]

Motor Vehicles with I.T.D.C.

302. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of motor vehicles make-wise with the India Tourism Development Corporation and the purpose for which they are used and the total expenditure that has been incurred on them so far.