

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). M/s. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited, Durgapur (BOGL) was granted a Letter of Intent on 18th June 1977 for the manufacture of Fibre Glass for an annual capacity of 400 tonnes. The Feasibility Report submitted by the Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited is under consideration of the Government. It is too early to indicate when the proposed plant will be commissioned.

Appointment of a Reader in the Indian Institute of Mass Communications

3923. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Reader had been appointed in the faculty of the Indian Institute of Mass Communications, New Delhi during the dark days of the Emergency;

(b) if so, has the Gentleman got necessary requisite qualification and experience for the post advertised for;

(c) is it a fact that the Director appointed a Professor of the same Institute to look into the affairs of the concerned Gentleman who has given the wrong certificate from United Kingdom without attending the course there; and

(d) if there is any discrepancy, what action has been taken so far and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The person concerned was selected for the post prior to the declaration of Emergency.

(b) The educational qualifications prescribed for the post viz., Master's Degree or equivalent were relaxable in special cases. The incumbent, a

B.Sc. (Hons.), was selected by a Selection Committee on the basis of his calibre.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Discrimination between Indians and Foreign Scholars in the Indian Institute of Mass Communications

3924. SHRI SRIBATCHA DIGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrimination between Indian and foreign scholars in the Indian Institute of Mass Communications so far as field visits, study tours, scholarships and other things are concerned; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Institute for removal of the same and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). There is no discrimination between Indian and Foreign scholars for field visits, study tours and others academic and professional matters. However, the sponsored foreign scholars get additional benefits like stipends and other allowances under the Colombo Plan, Special Commonwealth African Assistance Programme, International Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme and bilateral cultural agreements between India and other countries which are not available to Indian scholars.

Identification of Resources

3925. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government identification of resources that would be required and that are available within the country side is necessary with a view to enable industrial units to prepare for purposeful and productive