

dependent station is, however, being included in the proposals for the next development Plan. The implementation of this scheme will depend on the allocation of funds for the purpose under the new Plan. There are no immediate proposals for the construction of residential accommodation for the employees of Bhagalpur Station.

Placing of contract order with Tata-Robins-Fraser

552. DR. RAMJI SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an order for Rs. 14.00 crores is going to be placed with Tata-Robins-Fraser (India-America-UK), a private firm with collaboration with the multinationals in preference to Undertaking like MAMC (Durgapur) and EPI Ltd. (Delhi), who are running short of work and paying to the idle workers.

(b) whether Tata-Robins-Fraser have no experience at all in the washeries, nor they have any foreign collaboration in work except that the profits go to the Robins and Fraser; and

(c) whether during final negotiations, only Tata-Robins-Fraser were called and not other parties MAMC, EPI Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No final decision has so far been taken in this regard and the matter is under consideration of coal India Ltd.'s Board of Directors.

(b) M/s. Tata-Robins-Fraser have made this offer in collaboration with M/s Braithwaith Ltd., (India) and M/s. Wedag Ltd. (Germany).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Classified Advertisements issued to Newspapers and periodicals relating to Himachal Pradesh

553. SHRI DURGA CHAND : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) the number of classified advertisements issued by DAVP for publication to Newspapers and periodicals being published from Himachal Pradesh during the last three years ;

(b) the names of newspapers and periodicals to whom these advertisements were; given;

(c) whether DAVP is contemplating to refix the rate of classified advertisements for Himachal Pradesh, if so, what are the new rates and when they will be released; and

(d) whether it is proposed to have a policy under which the newspapers and periodicals being published from hilly areas would be given preference for the classified advertisements and at liberalised rates, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) 279 insertions of classified advertisements were made in the newspapers/periodicals of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, i.e.

1974-75	.	.	90
1975-76	.	.	166
1976-77	.	.	83

(b) Vir Himachal, Hindi daily, Simla; Himachal Janta, Hindi weekly, Simla; Him Keseri, Hindi weekly, Simla; Himachal Darpan, Hindi weekly, Simla; Amar Himachal, Hindi weekly, Simla; Janvani, Hindi weekly, Simla.

(c) The Government is actively considering the formulation of new rate structure for Government advertisements—both classified and display—for all newspapers/periodicals throughout the country.

(d) The Government's policy is that weightage or consideration will be given to papers/periodicals being published specially in backward, remote or border areas.

Construction of housing colonies for ex-servicemen

554. SHRI DURGA CHAND : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for constructing housing colonies, providing medical and education facilities to the ex-servicemen and their families;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what amount of money has been spent on this account during the last three years; and

(c) whether any such housing colony has been constructed in Himachal Pradesh and if so, where?