

**Shifting of Regional Engineering Office of A.I.R.**

8156. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken on the representation made by the Government of Tamil Nadu to rescind the decision to shift the existing Regional Engineering office of A.I.R. from Madras to Delhi; and

(b) if not, the reasons for rejecting the representation of the State Government?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** (a) and (b): When Television was part of All India Radio, the installation and maintenance work in respect of Television Centres was looked after by the four Regional Engineer's Offices of Akashvani at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and New Delhi. After Television was separated from Radio with effect from 1st April, 1976, Government decided that Doordarshan should have a Regional Engineer's office of its own.

The original proposal was to transfer one of the existing Regional Engineer's offices of Akashvani to Doordarshan. Since the number of Radio installations existing as well as under construction was quite large in the Northern, Eastern and Western Regions as compared to Southern Region, it was decided that the Regional Engineer's office at Madras should be transferred to Doordarshan.

Subsequently, however, the matter was reconsidered and it was decided that, instead of transferring one Regional Engineer's office of Akashvani to Doordarshan, 25 per cent of the staff in each category should be withdrawn from each of the Regional Engineer's offices and, with this staff, Doordarshan should set up a Regional Engineer's office and two sub-offices.

However, on receipt of representations from various quarters, the

matter has been reconsidered and it has been decided that the entire question regarding the setting up of a Regional Engineer's Office for Doordarshan be examined afresh.

**Target of Manufacture of H.A.L. Military items in Bangalore**

8157. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Is it a fact that the target of manufacturing of military items in HAL Bangalore etc. during 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 has not been achieved in each year;

(b) what specific steps have been taken by the Government to improve its production;

(c) have Government pinned down the responsibility for not achieving the target in each year;

(d) If not, why;

(e) what action has been taken against the officers responsible for it;

(f) Is it a fact that the cost of every item has gone up considerably;

(g) if so, why; and

(h) how much overtime has been paid in the last three years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH):** (a) The manufacturing targets of military items in HAL during 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 have been, by and large, achieved.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

(f) and (g). HAL are continually making efforts to reduce the cost of manufacture of the various products, through increased efficiency both in terms of labour productivity and technological competence. However, overall cost of some of the items