

(b) Twelve replies have been received so far, wherein Chief Ministers have assured strict enforcement of Censorship provisions. Others are being reminded.

News Item Captioned "Sell Out of Small Paper Units to Multimillion Giant"

1435. SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR GUPTA:

SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU:

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the press reports in the Blitz dated the 21st October, 1978 under the heading "Sell out of Small Paper Units to Multimillion Giant"; and

(b) if so, what is Government of India's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Non Resident Indians setting up industrial units in India may be permitted on merits to take up the manufacture of items reserved for Small Scale Sector, provided they undertake a substantial export obligation.

Report of West German Experts on the Working of Thermal Power Stations

1436. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of West German Thermal Power experts which assessed the working of selected Indian Thermal Power stations has been horrified at the way in which the power stations are operated and maintained in India;

(b) whether they have submitted any report to Government;

(c) if so, what were the points in which they were not satisfied of their working; and

(d) what improvements have been made or suggested by them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Two teams of Experts from VGB, West Germany, visited Badarpur, Chandrapura and Kothagudem Thermal Power Stations in March-April, 1977 and October-December, 1977, to make an assessment of the problems faced in thermal power stations and suggest remedial measures.

(b) Both the teams have submitted their reports to the Government of India.

(c) The recommendations made by VGB Experts cover wide areas, such as design, construction, modifications to equipment, operation and maintenance of thermal stations and training of power station personnel and personnel management.

(d) They have made a number of suggestions for improvements. These include adoption of slag-tap furnaces, beneficiation of coal, changes in materials of superheater tubes, stricter standards for water chemistry and more intensive training for power station personnel.

Training of SC and ST Students for Entry and Promotion in Government Services

1437. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any Committee to review the steps taken recently to facilitate the entry and promotion in the Government services for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether any directive has also been issued by the Central Government, that the Committee