

(f) Crude imports during 1979 are expected to be of the order of 16.5 Million Tonnes.

Corporation for A.I.R. and Television

130. DR. BIJOY MONDAL:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH
MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINGHJI
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision to set up a Corporation for A.I.R. and Television of the country;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which these will be converted into Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the Working Group on Autonomy for Akashvani and Doordarshan on the future set-up of the two organisations are under examination.

(c) A Bill on the future set-up of the two organisations is likely to be introduced in the Parliament in the current Session.

Issue of Letter of Intent to M/s. J.K. Industries for manufacturing Carbon Black

131. DR. BIJOY MONDAL:

SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR
GUPTA:

SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. J. K. Industries were issued a letter of intent to manufacture carbon black from the by-products of the Bongaigaon Petrochemical complex; if so, when;

(b) whether the company has not started manufacturing carbon black at Bongaigaon;

(c) whether the J. K. Industries have since returned the letter of intent and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether any other local party has applied for letter of intent to manufacture carbon black; if so, whether its application has been approved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir. M/s. J. K. Chemicals Ltd., Bombay, were issued a letter of intent on 6th June, 1977 for the establishment of a new undertaking at Bongaigaon (Assam) for the manufacture of 12,000 tonnes per annum of Carbon Black;

(b) No, Sir; they have not.

(c) No, Sir. They have submitted a formal application for permission to change the location of the plant from Bongaigaon to Ranipet (Tamil Nadu). This application is under the consideration of the Government.

(d) Yes, Sir. The industrial licence application of only one local party, namely, M/s. Union Carbon Black Ltd. Gauhati, has been received on 8-8-1978 for the manufacture of 12,500 tonnes per annum of Carbon Black in the State of Assam.