

dure for set off of excise duty paid on ingots will be abolished while levying excise duty on such rods Excise duty at the same rate as on rods made from indigenous ingots will be leviable on rods converted from imported metal

(c) The price of the indigenously produced metal with that of imported metal will be pooled and notify shortly

**Proposal to Abolish Radio and Television Fees**

332 SHRI G M BANAIWALIA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no licence fee on Radio and Television

in a number of American and European countries,

(b) if so, their names and

(c) whether Central Government propose to abolish the radio fee and television fee in the country and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I K ADVANI) (a) Yes Sir

(b) A statement is enclosed

(c) The question of licence fee on radio and television including its abolition is at present under consideration of the Government

**Statement**

*I Countries in America and Europe where there is no licence fee on radio	
1 North America	Bahama Islands Bermuda Canada, El Salvador Haiti Mexico Panama and Puerto Rico
2 South America	Argentina, Bolivia Brazil Colombia, Ecuador Paraguay Peru, Uruguay
3 Europe	United Kingdom
*II Countries in America and Europe where there is no licence fee on television	
1 North America	Canada, El Salvador Puerto Rico and The United States of America
2 South America	Argentina Brazil Ecuador and Venezuela.

\*(Source: World Communications - UNESCO - 1975)

**Indo-British Agreement on Fertilizers**

333 SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-British Fertilizers agreement has been signed in June 1979 and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) (a) and

(b) The British Government has offered to finance a Fertilizer Educational Project in 25 districts through supply of fertilizers worth £ 30 million

The salient features of the Project are as follows

(i) Educating the farmers on the correct choice and use of fertilizers

(ii) Working out cropping programme for the participant farmers in the project areas on the basis of the resources available with farmers and arranging supply of inputs viz high yielding variety seeds, fertilisers, pes-