

(b) The prices of these sets (including cost of antenna) are as under :

	Rs.
(i) I.E.C. 23"	2,563.00
(ii) Sanyo 16"	1,815.00
(iii) C.F.E.R.I. 23"	1,760.00

(c) to (c). There is no scheme under which Government can supply sets to Members of Parliament.

Expenditure on Ministers' Tours

296. SHRI SATPAL KAPUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of expenditure incurred on tours performed by Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers after the recent mid-term poll ; and

(b) how does it compare with the expenditure for the respective period during the last year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). The information in respect of tours performed during the period 15th March, 1971 to 15th May, 1971 and for the same period during the last year is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

"Kidnapping of Border Security Men by Pakistan"

297. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
DR. RANEN SEN :
SHRI R. KADANAPALLI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the conflict in East Pakistan our Border Security men were forcibly taken away from the Indian Border by the Pakistani Army ;

(b) if so, whether India has made a strong protest to Pakistan ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (GRIH MANTRALAYA AUR

KARMIK VIBHAG MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. In an incident on 9th April, 1971, three constables of the Border Security Force on normal patrolling duty in Bongaon Sector of the Indo-Pakistan border were kidnapped by the Pakistan Army men. In another incident on 26th April, 1971, a contingent of the Pakistani army attacked a Border Security Force party on patrol duty on the Cachar border and kidnapped two of their men.

(b) and (c). Strong protests have been lodged in both the cases with the Government of Pakistan demanding the immediate return of the kidnapped personnel.

No reply has so far been received from the Pakistan Government.

Automation in Indian Rare Earths Minerals, Chavara (Kerala)

298. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY (PARAMU URJA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have implemented automation in the Indian Rare Earths Minerals, Chavara, in Quilon District, Kerala ;

(b) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to the automation ;

(c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to absorb the employees thus rendered jobless in alternative jobs ;

(d) if, so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PRADHAN MANTRI, PARAMANU URJA MANTRI, GRIH MANTRI TATHA SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) A Mineral Sand Separation Plant has recently been set up at Chavara by the Indian Rare Earths Ltd., a public sector undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy, Mechanical techniques supplement manual methods for streamlining production and ensuring quality of the products. There has been no retrenchment of workers in the Plant at Chavara.

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