

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). In connection with the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of Independence, All India Radio stations have been recording interviews with freedom fighters for broadcast and archival purposes. These interviews are intended to cover the biographical background of freedom fighters and give an account of the significant incidents in their career and their participation in the freedom struggle. So far, over 1100 interviews have been recorded and many of them have also been broadcast.

Financial Assistance for Modernisation of Police Force in Gujarat

577. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government have prepared a master plan for the modernisation of Police Force involving an expenditure of Rs. 2 crores;

(b) whether the plan has been forwarded to the Centre for financial assistance for the implementation of the Scheme; and

(c) if so, whether Union Government have approved the Scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) The master plan submitted by the Government of Gujarat is not to be approved by the Union Government as such, but the master plan is intended to help the State Government to plan out the modernisation of its police force in a phased manner, for which some assistance is provided by the Union Government.

Shortage of Furnace Oil in Gujarat Industries

578. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of heavy and essential industries in the Porbandar town were greatly affected due to the shortage of furnace oil;

(b) if so, whether the Porbandar Chamber of Commerce and Industry have requested him to take up the issue with the Petroleum Ministry for immediate supply of furnace oil; and

(c) whether he has taken up this issue with that Ministry; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (c). No such complaint has come to the notice of this Ministry.

Manpower Units in States

579. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:**

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has suggested to the State Governments for setting up Manpower Units on the recommendation of the Sub-group appointed earlier by a Steering Committee of the Commission;

(b) if so, other suggestions made by the Planning Commission to the State Governments; and

(c) how many State Governments have agreed to implement these suggestions?