

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Generally speaking, yes. No officer is supposed to take a secret document to his home.

MR. SPEAKER : The question hour is over now.

SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI : Question No. 113.

MR. SPEAKER : I have already declared that the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

GROWTH RATE IN T. V. INDUSTRY

*102. **SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI :** Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the capacity utilisation by the units to whom licences for T. V. production have been given; and

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the growth rate in this industry; and if not, the steps Government propose to take to increase the growth ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Electronics, in co-operation with the Directorate General of Technical Development, Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, and the State Directors of industries, has been reviewing periodically the progress made by units to whom TV Licences/approvals have been accorded. The rate of growth in the Industry has been generally satisfactory and the total production has registered an increase from 29,965 sets in 1972 to 74, 756 in 1973.

COAXIAL TELEPHONE PROJECT TO LINK CALCUTTA AND MADRAS

*105. **SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to have a coaxial telephone project to link Calcutta with Madras along the east coast;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Coaxial scheme linking Calcutta with Madras has been sanctioned in the year 1968 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1579.82 lakhs.

(b) The project includes laying of 2160 Kms of standard coaxial cable which provide an ultimate capacity of 2,700 speech channels in any section and 366 Kms of small tube coaxial cables which provide for 600 channels on routes branching from the main routes, viz.—

Kodad-Khammamet,
Rajamundry-Kakinada,
Rajamundry-Tanuku-
Tadepalligudem,
Vijayawada-Gudiwada-
Masulipatam, and
Bhubaneshwar-Puri.

(c) The Vijayawada-Secunderabad section has been commissioned in March, 73. Further progress of commissioning is expected as follows :

Madras-Vijayawada Section—by June, 74.

Calcutta-Cuttack Section—by December, 74.

Cuttack-Vijayawada—by December, 75.

Branch routes are expected to be commissioned progressively by 1974-76.

RATIONALISATION OF PROCEDURE FOR IMPORTS FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

*106. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :