

(ब) यदि हां, तो क्या उसकी एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखी जाएगी ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री वरन सिंह) : (क) पीर (ख). विभिन्न मंत्रालयों / विभागों में हिन्दी प्रवक्ताओं के पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए सन 1968 में प्रावधान (माडल) समरूप नियम जारी किए गए थे। उसकी एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखी जा रही है। [असलाख ने रखी गई। देखिए संख्या एल-टी—1884/78]।

Improvement in TV Programmes

*425. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported glut in the TV industry in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the growing unpopularity of the TV programmes; and

(d) if so, whether any survey has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) There is no glut in the TV receiver industry in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Audience Research surveys are conducted periodically for Doordarshan Kendras to assess audience reaction. These surveys do not indicate that the programme are becoming unpopular.

Parity Price for Coal

*426. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the absence of parity price for

coal all over the country puts additional and avoidable burdens on some of the States, situated at a long distance from the coal fields, whose buying needs for coal are substantial;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure the parity price for coal throughout the country, and if so, how and when; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The selling prices of coal and coke vary from place to place depending upon the distance from the Collieries from which coal or coke is obtained and the mode of transport used.

(b) and (c). For the present, it is not proposed to bring about equalisation of price for coal throughout the country, in view of the prevalent pricing pattern which encourages major consumers to locate their units near the coalfields, and minimises thereby the strain on the transport system.

Suicide by Scientists of Variable Energy Cyclotron Project

3874. SHRI RAJ KRISHNA DAWN: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether one or two scientists of VEC Project had committed suicide;

(b) whether a VEC scientist deputed to the United States for training in Radio Frequency (RF) System refused to return, and another scientist sent as replacement resigned from VEC Project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) name of the scientist who committed suicide and name of the scientist sent as replacement?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) One scientist of VEC Project, Shri S. Mukherjee died of electrocution at his residence.