

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Organisation for Forest-based Industries

*750. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any organisation mainly to look after the interests of forest-based industries in public sector;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to form such an organisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) There is no organisation at the All-India level to look after the interests of forest-based industries in the public sector. Several State Governments have, however, set up Forest Development Corporations for the development and utilisation of forest based raw materials.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी पेंशनरों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधाएं

*753. श्री युवराज : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से पेंशन पाने वाले स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशनरों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था करने का अनुरोध किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो उन्हें उक्त सुविधाएं कब से उपलब्ध होंगी ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री चरण सिंह) : (क) और (ख). जी हां, श्रीमान्। नवम्बर, 1974 में राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और उनके आश्रितों को विशेषकर उनसे जो केन्द्रीय अथवा राज्य सरकारों से

पेंशन प्राप्त कर रहे हैं, व्यापक चिकित्सा सहायता प्रदान करने के प्रश्न पर विचार करने का अनुरोध किया गया था। दिसम्बर, 1975 में यह भी सुझाव दिया गया था कि स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और उनके आश्रितों को आमदनी अथवा कोई अन्य शर्त लगाये बिना निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सहायता प्रदान की जाय। सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराये जाने के बारे में कोई निश्चित तारीख नहीं दी गई थी।

Survey of Satellite Service of Television in States

*759. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey regarding the utility of Satellite service of television is being conducted in the States where this service has been introduced; and

(b) whether a proposal for extending the duration and range of this service is also under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Space Application Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation was entrusted the evaluation of the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE). Its report is awaited.

(b) It was decided that on the conclusion of SITE, continuity of television programme be provided to about 40 per cent of the villages in 6 States exposed to the SITE. For this purpose, 6 terrestrial transmitters, one each in Andhra Pradesh (at Hyderabad), Bihar (at Musaffarpur), Karnataka (at Gulbarga), Madhya Pradesh (at Raipur), Orissa (at Sambalpur) and Rajasthan (at Jaipur) are provided. Those at Raipur and Jaipur are already commissioned. The remaining 4 are expected to be commissioned before the end of the year.

American Fishing vessel found sinking near Camotra Island

*760. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on 8th July, 1977 one American fishing vessel was found sinking near Camotra Island where there is a sub-base of Indian Navy;