

F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) C. B. I. has not conducted any enquiries regarding liquor deaths in Delhi.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**5000 Telephone Machines out of order in Delhi**

461. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the causes of as many as five thousand telephones machines going out of order and large number of these connecting wrong numbers immediately after the commissioning of the new cross bar exchange on the Western Court side of Janpath, New Delhi ;

(b) whether the equipment was not properly checked up before commissioning ;

(c) the officers and persons responsible and action being taken in this connection ; and

(d) whether the fault of the system will cost the subscribers ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) The teething troubles of a new exchange gave rise to some complaints. It is not correct to say that 5000 telephones went out of order.

(b) Equipment was thoroughly tested before commissioning.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

**Development of Nuclear Power**

462. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the

Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state whether India will examine the possibility of West German Pebble-bed type reaction as to technological shortcut to accelerate development of nuclear power ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : The West German pebble-bed type reactor concept has been examined in detail by scientists of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, especially because it is an advanced type reactor with considerable potential for development. However, this type of reactor is not suitable for the fuel cycle that is being followed in India.

**Working conditions of M/s. Metal Box Co. Limited**

463. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Metal Box Company Limited holds a position of dominance in the metal containers industry ; and

(b) if so, its assets, profits and dividends etc., and its share of the total container industry in India during the last three years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given as under :

Year	Assets	Profit before tax	Dividend		Share of Company's production of tin-cans vis-a-vis country's production.	
			on preference shares	on equity share	Year	Percentage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						(Rs. in crores)
1968-69	18.94	1.90	0.01	0.60	1969	53%
1969-70	20.24	1.26	0.01	0.40	1970	72%
1970-71	23.71	1.69	0.01	0.53	1971	65%