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**Trial of electronic system for controlling locomotive speed and power**

7407 SHRI K LAKKAPPA

SHRI P GANGADEB

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 419 on 21st March 1973 regarding electronic system for controlling locomotive speed and power and state

(a) whether any experiments of the device on the locomotives have been conducted and

(b) if so whether those have proved successful?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The tests on Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute prototypes were successful. One of the prototypes has completed more than two years in service in Indian Railways. The prototypes manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) Hyderabad on the basis of know-how of Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, Pilani have also undergone successful service trials in Indian Railways.

**Price of Salt**

7408 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether due to manipulation by private common salt-manufacturers, price of salt is different in different parts of the country, and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to regulate price of salt and introduce uniform price of salt throughout the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) While the price of salt varies from place to place in the country, the variation is due to the difference in the cost of production of salt which varies from place to place and from producer to producer. Transportation charges also have their impact on the price of salt.

(b) No, Sir

**Price of Salt in West Bengal**

7409 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the price of common salt has gone up abnormally in West Bengal,

(b) the difference between the prices of salt in different States and

(c) the prices of salt in the salt producing States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) No, Sir. Statement No I is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-4828/73] giving the comparative prices of salt for the years 1971-1972 and 1973.

(b) The retail prices of salt in different States are indicated in the statement No II laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-4828/73].

(c) The prices of salt in the salt producing States are indicated in the statement No III laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-4828/73].