

(a) whether Government have examined the prices of products manufactured by multinational companies like Crompton Greaves Limited, Bombay, Siemens India Limited, Bombay, Hindustan Brown Boveri Limited, Bombay and G.E.C. of India Limited, etc.;

(b) whether the General Machinery Merchants Association has complained to the Government of India of the price rise of industrial products since May, 1977; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The General Machinery Merchants Association had sent a complaint mainly with regard to the price increase in electric motors and switchgear with a passing reference to ball bearings. Among those listed in their letter, N/S. NGEF Ltd., Bangalore is in the Public Sector and Crompton Greaves and Kirloskar Electric Co. are Indian companies.

(c) Their complaints were got examined. In so far as electric motors were concerned it was noticed that the manufacturers have increased their price ranging from 4% to 18%. The increased prices were, however, lower than those prevailing during the period August 1974 to September 1975 after which there had been a sharp fall in prices. However, Government have conveyed to the industry the need to hold the price line. In so far as switchgear prices are concerned, the Association had mentioned the names of two manufacturers both of whom have conveyed that they have not increased their prices as alleged in the complaint.

**Improvement of Bus Service on
Route No. 770**

6059. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a constant demand from commuters for improving the bus service on route No. 770 by increasing the number of buses and their frequency ;

(b) if so, how Government propose to give efficient, regular and punctual service on this route ;

(c) whether Government contemplate to carry out a survey to find out the requirements of bus service to the commuters of this route; and

(d) if so, by when and other steps to be taken in this regard ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to improve the maintenance of buses so that regular and punctual services may be available.

(c) and (d). Traffic surveys are carried out regularly on all the bus routes. However, a fresh survey is proposed to be carried out shortly on this route. Further action will be taken in the light of the survey report.

**Transmitters Unearthed in
Delhi**

6060. SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA :
SHRI PRASANNBHAI
MEHTA :
SHRIMATI PARVATHI
KRISHNAN :
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL
REDDY :
SHRI OM PRAKASH
TYAGI :
SHRI YASHWANT BO-
ROLE :
SHRI M. KALYANA SUN-
DARAM :
SHRI P. RAJGOPAL
NAIDU :
SHRI YADVENDRA
DUTTA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two sophisticated transmitters were discovered by a farmer from a south Delhi farm;

(b) if so, whether Government have been able to make out the purpose for planting these transmitters there ;

(c) whether any evidence has been found that they were planted for spying or espionage purpose; and

(d) if so, full facts thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) :

(a) Two wireless equipments consisting of a shortwave transmitter and a receiver were found in a field in village Madanpur Khadar of Delhi on 8-7-1977.

(b) Investigations are still in progress.

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

Power Generation Schemes in States with Good Hydro-Potential

6061. **SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government for the creation of a special fund at the Centre to finance Power Generation Schemes in States with good hydro-potential; and

(b) if so, main features thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Power Shortage in Rajasthan

6062. **SHRI S. S. SOMANI :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the closure of the atomic reactor at Ranapratap Sagar, near Kotah, Rajasthan faces the prospect of power shortage;

(b) whether sizeable fall in power availability may also soon force the Electricity Board to declare cuts in energy consumption in the States; and

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) :

(a) to (c). With the closure of power station at Ranapratap Sagar near Kotah, for planned maintenance for three months, the availability of power in Rajasthan has been reduced by about 2.5 to 3.0 MU a day. Ministry of Energy has arranged for assistance to Rajasthan to the extent possible from Badarpur Thermal Power Station. Rajasthan is also getting some assist-

ance from Madhya Pradesh. With the onset of monsoons, the power demand has also come down and Rajasthan is, by and large, able to meet its power requirements except during peak hours when there is a shortage of about 30 to 40 MW and load shedding is resorted to overcome the shortage whenever necessary. No regular power cuts have been imposed by the State.

Brain Drain from the Country

6063. **SHRI A.K. ROY :**
SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of qualified persons, doctors, engineers and technologists of India living abroad;

(b) whether the number of increased during the last three years; and

(c) steps Government purpose to take to stop brain drain from the country ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) :

(a) The exact figure is not known. The CSIR maintains an Indian Abroad Section of the National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel of India for enrolment of Indian scientists etc. abroad. Enrolment is voluntary. According to information available in the Register about 10,459 Indian scientific and technical personnel were abroad as on 30th June, 1977 of whom 3,472 were Scientists, 4,368 Engineers, 621 Technologists and 2,047 Doctors.

(b) Yes, Sir. The position of registrants in the Indian Abroad Section of the National Register of the CSIR during the last 3 years is given below :

As on	Number of registrants
1-1-75 .	9,425
1-1-76 .	9,708
1-1-77	10,190

(c) The Government of India have been taking from time to time various measures to improve employment opportunities in the country and to facilitate the return of qualified Indians from