

COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). BHEL's capability in the manufacture of power generating equipment is well established. Out of 52 sets of 200/210 MW rating commissioned so far, problem of hydrogen leakage was noticed in 6 sets in the last three years up to July, 1985. The requisite remedial measures have been taken in consultation with Russian experts.

Use of Sub-Standard Telephone Cables

2210. **DR. G S. RAJHANS :**

DR. C.S. VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the major reasons of breakdown of telephone system particularly during rainy season in the country is due to use of sub-standard cables ;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press news item captioned "Improved telephone cables on way" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 15 July, 1985 ;

(c) if so, the details thereof : and

(d) when the new improved telephone cables will be brought in operation in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. The main reason for the breakdown of telephone system is the damage to telephone cables during road digging by different agencies for various development works.

(b) The Government is aware of the news item published in the newspaper.

(c) To minimise the adverse effects of damages to underground cables in digging operations, a jelly filled cables has been developed and department has

standardized its use initially for smaller cables which cannot be presurized. M/s HCL are setting up new machineries in the existing manufacturing units at Rupnarainpur, West Bengal, and Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh to produce such jelly filled cables. Further a new Unit to manufacture higher sizes jelly filled cables is being set up at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. M/S HCL are also proposing to set up to manufacture optical fibre cables.

(d) The Department of Telecommunications has already started using jelly filled cables since 1975 in small size Cables of higher sizes are likely to be available in the coming years. There is also programme to use optical fibre cable initially by import and subsequently from the indigenous sources.

Cost of accessories of Maruti Car

2211. **DR. G.S. RAJHANS :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Maruti providing to be a white elephant" appeared in 'Indian Express' dated 15th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the owners of Maruti Cars are very much depressed over the cost of accessories and other parts of Maruti Cars; and

(c) if so, what efforts his Ministry propose to take to make available accessories and other parts at a reasonable price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware of complaints of high cost of some imported spares of Maruti vehicles.