

(d) The total number of Army deserters is 2,709. The number of those killed is 49. 15 are still in jails.

(e) 49.

[English]

Decline in TV sale

4810. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fall in the sale of televisions last year;

(b) whether Government propose to lift excise duty imposed upon black and white T.V.; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to bring T.V. to the reach of rural buyers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) There has been a marginal decline in TV production from 4.4 million nos. in 1988 to 4 million nos. in 1989 for Black and White TV sets, and from 1.3 million nos. in 1988 to 1.2 million nos. in 1989 for Colour TV sets.

(b) and (c). Black and White TV sets of screen size exceeding 15 cms. but not exceeding 36 cms are already exempt from payment of excise duty. At present, there is no proposal to exempt other categories of Black and White TV sets:

The TV industry has been advised to step up marketing and after-sales-service arrangements in rural/semi-urban and remote locations and to devise imaginative ways of increasing sales.

'Oak Forests'

4811. SHRI C.M. NEGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any statistical survey of Oak forests in the country as a whole;

(b) if so, the area under oak forests in the country and in the districts of Pauri, Chamoli, Tehri, Uttarkashi and Almora of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the name of place and area where the biggest oak forests are found in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken for oak plantations and preservation in Garhwal Hills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nuclear Fuel Complex and Orissa sand Complex

4812. SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the present status of the Nuclear Fuel Complex and Orissa Sand Complex with regard to completion and achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): Nuclear Fuel Complex was established at