

Three-Mile Island, (TMI) as reported in the Hindustan Times' dated 26th July, 1986 ; and

(b) if so, the safety steps taken of proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE. (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) The reactors at Tarapur are of a kind different from those of Three Mile Island : While the Tarapur Units are of the Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) type the Three Mile Island Units are Pressurised Water Res Reactor (PWR) type.

(b) Additional safety measures arising out of the lessons learnt from three Mile Island accident have been implemented in Tarapur Reactors. These include, interalia, the following :

- (i) Provision of additional instrumentation to monitor reactor water level, positions of important valves etc.
- (ii) Provision of measuring and recording the containment pressure.
- (iii) Upgradation of preventive maintenance procedure of essential equipment.
- (iv) Training and re-training of operators to ensure proper operator-response.

L. T. C. to Persons Travelling to Remote Areas

3944. SHRI H. G. RAMULU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Leave Travel Concession is denied to persons travelling to remote areas and areas not covered by State transport service ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) steps proposed to remove the anomaly ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI B. S. ENGTI) : (a) No Sir.

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

Loss Due to Non-Purchase of Colour TV Tubes

3945. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to lose nearly sl. 5 million in foreign exchange this year because of the refusal by leading domestic television manufacturers to participate in bulk purchase of colour TV tubes from foreign manufacturers ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor : and

(c) measures proposed to see that colour TV tubes are disposed of without loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE. (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Import of picture tubes has been de-canalisated with effect from 12th April 1985. However, with a view to limit foreign exchange out go and to take price advantage through bulk import of Colour Picture Tubes (CPTs), Department of Electronics (DOE) has discussed the matter with Indian Television Manufacturers Association (ITMA) and Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T). It has been decided to form a Committee consisting of two Members from ITMA, two Members from ET&T and one Member from DOE. This Committee would fix price ceilings for import of various makes of CPTs.