

MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). An accident occurred at the Ramagundam Station in September, 1987 during replacement of grinding parts in the coal mill. The damaged grinding ring was replaced. Two other accidents occurred on the first 500 MW unit, which is under construction, involving loss of lives of two workers. There was no damage to property. There was also no loss of generation owing to the accidents.

Car Telephones in Delhi

477. **SHRI P.A. ANTONY :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of car telephones allotted in Delhi and other places at present ;

(b) the performance of these telephones ; and

(c) whether Government have decided not to sanction any more car telephones to the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) A 100 lines Mobile Radio Telephone System is working in Delhi in the country out of which 77 car telephones are working.

(b) The performance of these telephones is satisfactory.

(c) At present, there is no spare capacity available for sanction of more car telephones in Delhi.

Policy on Foreign Capital

478. **SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to make a new comprehensive policy regarding foreign capital in view of the growing importance of foreign private capital in the Indian economy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : Government's policy towards foreign investment is selective and based on national priorities. This policy has been reiterated in the Technology Policy Statement issued in January, 1983.

Assistance to States for Health Care Programmes

479. **SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the effect of new Drug Policy on the health care budgets of States ; and

(b) whether Union Government propose to provide assistance to State with a view to meet the higher prices of drugs purchased by the States for their health care programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No concrete estimates are available.

(b) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

Selling of Vegetables by Super Bazar

480. **SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item "Rotten Vegetables sold by Super Bazar" appearing in the Hindustan Times of 17 September, 1987 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken to revamp the sale and purchase of fruits and vegetables at competitive rates ;

(d) how far the situation has improved in selling the fruits and vegetables of good quality at competitive rates to the public ; and

(e) whether there has been increase in the shop lifting cases and pilferages from 1st January, 1987 to date and if so, how much stock in terms of money was found less giving separate figures for pilferages and shop lifting and what steps have been taken to stop such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Certain irregularities in the purchase and sales of fruits and vegetables