

T & D losses during 1987-88 would come down to 17%.

#### Utilisation of HBJ Pipeline Gas

544. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first stage of HBJ gas pipeline has been completed in stipulated time ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Limited has not been able to take any advantage of this stage of the project which has been completed so far ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard ;

(d) whether Government have prepared any new projects for the utilisation of this gas ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) :  
(a) to (e). The first section of the HBJ Pipeline from Hazira to Bijaipur has been commissioned in August, 1987 and supply of gas to Bijaipur Fertilizer Plant has started. However, some of the designated consumers beyond Bijaipur are expected to be delayed. Efforts are being made to locate additional consumers so as to utilise the gas to be transported through the pipeline to the maximum possible extent.

#### Increase in Prices of Maruti Vehicles

545. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. recently increased the prices of its cars ;

(b) if so, the present prices of its different models of cars ;

(c) the initial prices of these models ; and

(d) the reasons for the increase in prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The present and initial ex-factory prices (inclusive of Dealer's Commission and Excise Duty) of Maruti cars are as follows :

Model	Present Price	Initial prices (at the time of introduction)
	Rs.	Rs.
Car Standard	72,550	47,500
Car Deluxe	1,03,975	79,450
Car A/C	88,075	62,200

(d) The last price increase was mainly due to statutory increase in the import duty.

#### Study Report on Public Distribution System

546. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the study report of Prof. Kamal Narayan Kabra and Dr. Anil Chandy of the Indian Institute of Public Administration regarding the existing Fair Price Shops ;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard ;

(c) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ; and

(d) the Government's future plan in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF