

the storm had cleared, the tree withered, leaves wilted and plant died;

(b) whether a high acid content in the rain in the aftermath of the storm suspected;

(c) whether any Central agency conducted any examination of this phenomenon; and

(d) if so, their findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACES (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No storm affected Midnapore's coastal areas during June, 1988. However, a weather system of lesser intensity (deep depression) has caused fairly widespread rainfall in these areas during the period 9th to 12th June, 1988. No report of death of plant or withering of leaves in the area during this period has been received.

(b) Routine monitoring of rainfall in the country indicates that Indian rainfall is on the whole free from acidity problem.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

War Memorial in the Capital

4634. DR. B L SHAILESH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any site has been finally decided upon to set up a permanent War Memorial in the Capital;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) when the work thereon will be started and completed; and

(d) the estimated cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Manufacture of VCP/VCR by ET&T

4635. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation is likely to manufacture VCRs and VCPs in the near future;

(b) if so, when the first lot is expected; and

(c) the likely cost of each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACES (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) The Government has asked Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) to submit a composite proposal for manufacture of 1 million VCRs/VCPs per annum. ET&T is studying various alternatives and is yet to submit the proposal.

Amendment to Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952

4636. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.