

leaks in the coolant pipe of one of the power reactors?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The Tarapur Atomic Power Station (2×210 MWe) has, during the last 10 years, supplied 7 per cent to 8 per cent of the demand on the Maharashtra grid and about 10 per cent to 15 per cent on the Gujarat grid. The Station forms 5.7 per cent of the Western grid. The Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (one Unit; 220 MWe) was supplying nearly 40 per cent of the energy requirements of the Rajasthan State prior to the current outage. The gross generation for the calendar year 1979 was 1958.90 million units at the Tarapur Atomic Power Station and 1251.55 million units at the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. However, Government is of the opinion that this concern is misplaced and that nuclear energy has an increasingly important role in the meeting the future energy requirements. No significant releases of radioactivity have taken place either due to the recent break-down at the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station or the defects noticed at the time of refuelling in the by-pass lines of the recirculation loops at the Tarapur Atomic Power Station.

Abandoning of Road-rail Transportation Projects for Capital

1108. **SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after spending 6 years in various studies and over Rs. 2.5 crores in preliminary work connected with the integrated road-rail transportation project for the Capital, the previous Planning Commission decided to abandon this before quitting office;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to have this project re-examined keeping in view the larger perspective

of the fast growing population of Delhi and its poor transport service; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (d). It is correct that the Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways) Delhi, an organisation under the Ministry of Railways has in the last six years made a number of studies and submitted a number of reports in which proposals for metropolitan transport systems in Delhi area relating to different time frames were made. The expenditure incurred on this organisation so far roughly has been Rs. 2.2 crores. The latest report of this organisation is a Project Report for electrified rail commuter services in Delhi Urban Area submitted in December 1977 which was forwarded by the Ministry of Railways to the Planning Commission in October 1978. It is not correct that this proposal has been rejected or abandoned by the Planning Commission as the proposal is still under consideration of the Planning Commission in consultation with other Ministries/Organisations concerned. Certain issues related to the proposal particularly (i) measures necessary for de-congesting Delhi by developing counter magnets, regulating location of industries etc. and (ii) level of fares to be adopted for the proposed services, are to be examined further. In this connection, the recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee and the Rail Tariff Enquiry Committee expected by the end of March '80 and by the end of April '80 respectively will also be taken into account before final decisions are taken.

Number of Handlooms in Gujarat

1109. **SHRI AMAR SINGH V. RATHAWA:** Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handlooms functioning in Gujarat State at present, District-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish more handlooms in the State in Adivasi areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) According to the recent handloom survey conducted by the Gujarat Government through their State Bureau

of Economics and Statistics, the total number of looms has been estimated to be 20,471. Out of these looms 16,548 are reported to be working and 3,923 idle. A statement showing districtwise number of handlooms working and remaining idle in Gujarat State is enclosed.

(b) and (c). Government of India have not received any such proposal from the State.

Statement

Table Showing Estimated Number of Working Handlooms and idle Handlooms)

S.No.	Name of the District	Number of looms		
		Working	Idle	Total
1.	Jamnagar	400	0	400
2.	Rajkot	700	127	827
3.	Surendranagar	4313	570	4883
4.	Bhavnagar	1177	663	1840
5.	Amreli	673	473	1020
6.	Junagadh	1047	740	1787
7.	Kutch	1393	67	1460
8.	Banas Kantha	1820	133	1953
9.	Sadar -Kantha	47	0	47
10.	Gandhi Nagar	27	0	27
11.	Mehesana	1547	53	1600
12.	Ahmedabad	1930	217	2147
13.	Kheda	1000	620	1620
14.	Panch Mahals	60	293	353
15.	Bharuch	260	53	313
16.	Surat	87	0	87
17.	Valsad	67	40	107
Total		16,548	3,923	20,471