

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The losses amounted to Rs. 30.26 crores in 1977-78 and to Rs. 27.75 crores in 1978-79. The losses during 1979-80 are also expected to be of the order of Rs. 30 crores. The losses are primarily due to low production and productivity. This is, in turn, attributed, mainly to unsatisfactory industrial relations and motivation, inadequate power supply combined with unscheduled power interruptions.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is fully seized of unsatisfactory performance of the HEC and after an indepth study of various aspects of its working, it has already set in motion a series of steps to remedy the situation.

**Placing of Order for Electric Generators and Transformers with West Germany**

1708. SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any order for supply of huge quantity of electric generators and transformers was placed with West-Germany during the years 1977-78 and 1978-79;

(b) whether generators and transformers are also manufactured in India; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what were the reasons for importing generators and transformers?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):**

(a) This Ministry has not processed any case for import of electric generators and transformers from West Germany. However, the Ministry of Energy had processed the following 2

import proposals in the year 1978-79:—

(i) Proposal of Tata Electric Co. for import of one No. 500 MW generator set for Trombay Power Station Extension Project;

(ii) Proposal of Maharashtra State Electricity Board for import of 4 Nos. 60 MW Gas Turbine sets for installation at Uran near Bombay.

(b) and (c) Generators and transformers are manufactured in India, but the gas turbines are not yet manufactured in the country. As regards 500 MW generators, these could not be manufactured in the country till the year 1978-79. BHEL has, however, acquired the technology and is progressively developing the capability to manufacture them in the country.

**Take over of Illegal Arms**

†1709. SHRI KRISHAN CHANDRA PANDEY:

SHRI RAM LAL RAHI:  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Janata and Lok Dal regimes there was increase in arms and ammunition without licences which resulted in marked increase in the incidence of crimes;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to seize illegal arms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that anti-social elements are trying to create disturbances by making use of the illegal arms; and

(d) if so, when Government propose to take possession of the illegal arms and the steps Government propose to take against the culprits?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):**

(a) and (b) There is no means for the government to ascertain directly the

number of arms and the quantity of ammunition in illegal possession. Possession of unlicensed arms and ammunitions is a cognizable offence under the law. When such instances come to notice, action is taken by the State Governments and U.T. Administrations to seize the unlicensed arms.

(c) and (d) There have been some reports of anti-social elements trying to create disturbances by making use of unlicensed arms. These have been sent to the State Governments/U.T. Administrations for appropriate action under the Arms Act 1959 and the rules framed thereunder which contain adequate provisions to deal with such matters.

#### **Requirement and Production of Buses**

1710. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement and production of buses in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for their increase in production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The Working Group on Transport, Earth Moving and Agricultural Machinery appointed by the Planning Commission (1979) have estimated the demand for commercial vehicles of 66,500 nos. in 1979-80 and 73,200 nos. in 1980-81. The past trend indicates that requirement of buses is approximately 30% of the total requirement of commercial vehicles; and this works out to a figure of 21,960 buses for 1980-81. The production of buses by the existing industrial units was 14,275 nos. in 1978-79 and 11,407 nos. in the first ten months of 1979-80 (April, 79 to January, 80).

(b) Steps have been taken to augment the production through input-support, technical support as also through the creation of additional capacity.

#### **Cadre Review of Defence Services**

1711. DR. VASANT KUMAR  
PANDIT:

SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI:

SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive cadre review of the three Wings of Defence Services is under serious consideration of Government;

(b) whether the Chiefs of the 3 Wings of Defence Services have submitted paper to Government last year; and

(c) if so, the main suggestions given therein and the decisions of Government on each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c) On receipt of proposals from the Chiefs of Staff, a cadre review of officers of the Defence Services up to the level of Brigadiers and equivalent has been undertaken by the Government to improve their promotional opportunities. Details of the proposals, as approved, are as follows:—

(1) Nearly 60% prospects of career improvement have been provided for those in the rank of Majors and equivalent in the other two Services, 20% of which will be through the introduction of a selection grade.

(2) About 50% prospects for career improvement have been provided for those in the rank of Lt. Colonel and equivalents in the other two Services. This again will include 10% through selection grade.

(3) 125 posts of Lt. Colonels/Colonels in the Army have been upgraded to that of Brigadier. 10 posts of Group Captains in the Air Force have been upgraded to that of Air Commodore. On the Navy