THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No one has so far been arrested.

(b) The case has been entrusted to the Crime Branch and all efforts are being made to trace out the criminals. A reward for Rs. 15,000|has been announced by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi to anyone, who may provide clue leading to the arrest of the culprits.

Murder of Candidates for Assembly Elections

371. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates contesting for Assembly Elections who were murdered and died before the polling;

(b) the particulars thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made in the matter; and

(d) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AF-FAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-WANA); (a) and (b) 6 candidates were murdered 2 died in accidents and 1 died on account of heart failure.

Details are given in the enclosed statement

(c) and (d) Murder cases have been registered and are under investigation.

Statement				
STATE	Name of candidate	Constituency	Reasons of death	Date of death
BIHAR ·	1. Shri Randhir Prasad 2. Sh. Jai Prakash Singh 3. Sh. Shyam Bihari Singh	Giridh Hisua Sandesh	Accident Poisoned Murdered	16-5-80 17-5-80 21-5-80
GUJARAT	Sh. Vasani Kheraji Thakarar	Porbandar	Murdered	18-5-80
ORISSA ·	Sh. Nilamani Seth	Nimapara	Heart attack	8-5-80
UTTAR PRADESH	1. Sh. Ramjilal	Sikandrarao	Murdered	24-5-80
	2. Sh. Shivraj	Patiali	Murdered	26-5-80
	3. Sh. Udit Narayan Sharma	Jahanabad	Murdered	28-5-80
	4. Sh. Gohmahn	Laxmipm	Accident	29-5-80

Setting up of Paper Mill in Tripura

372. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there i_s any proposal to set up a paper Mill in Tripura;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have reached an_y agreement with the Soviet Union t_0 get financial and other assistance in this regard; and

(c) when Government of India expect to start the paper mill after observing formalities?

THE MINISTER OF SATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI **CHARANJIT** CHANANA): (a) to (c) The Government of Tripura have proposed the setting up of a paper/ pulp mill based on the bamboo resources of the State. The technoeconomic feasibility of the scheme has to be studied in detail before a decision can be taken on the proposal. The mode of financing the project will be decided at the appropriate time*

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