

thermal and 640 MW nuclear. The plant load factor of thermal power stations during the year 1979-80 was 45 per cent. Statewise details about the plant load factor of thermal power stations are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in library See No. LT-3556/82.*]

The statewise and categorywise details of consumption of electricity during 1979-80 are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in library See No. LT-3556/82.*]

Production of Drugs by Foreign Companies

3504. SHRI LAXMAN KARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total production of the foreign companies of each drug, what is the percentage of production of individual drugs manufactured by each company from basic stage and from intermediate stage; and

(b) whether any of these Companies violate any of the provisions of New Drug Policy by manufacturing from intermediate stage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) As provided in Para 21 of the Drug Policy and as indicated in Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers Press Note dated the 17th October, 1981, the recognition of installed capacities in the case of drugs and pharmaceuticals will be subject, *inter alia*, to the stipulation that foreign companies which are producing bulk drugs from penultimate stages would be asked to manufacture within a

period of two years, the bulk drugs concerned from the basic stage.

Telecast Range of Delhi Television Centre

3505. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, be pleased to state:

(a) whether action is being taken at present to increase the Delhi Television Centre's telecast range; and

(b) if so, the extent of the increased range, the progress made in executing the work and the time when the increased range will start operating?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The coverage range of Delhi Television Transmitter is being increased by increasing its power and mounting its Antenna on the 240 metre high tower, being constructed at Pitampura. This will increase the existing service range of the transmitter from 68 Kms. to 90 Kms. covering an area of 25,400 Sq. Km. as against 14,300 Sq. Km. at present. In terms of population, the coverage will increase from 99.95 lacs to 138.89 lacs.

The site for the tower at Pitampura has been taken over and preliminary steps like soil conservation, preparation of drawings have been completed. Tenders for civil works have been received and are under scrutiny. Equipment for the transmitter is already available.

Sale of Bharat Petroleum Corporation gas cylinders in Maharashtra

3506. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1497 on 1 December, 1981 regarding ceiling for