

से लगाए जाते हैं। आमतौर पर ये काल यथोचित समय पर लगाए जाते हैं और इन्हें लगाने में बहुत अधिक देरी नहीं होती। 22 जुलाई, 1974 में 3 अगस्त, 1974 के पखवाड़े के दौरान भिलाई से दिल्ली के लिए कुल 10 ट्रक वाले बूक की गई थी। इनमें में 9 ट्रक वाले 1 से 5 घंटे की अवधि के भीतर लगाई गई थी। जब कोणक्सअल केबुल मार्गों पर या दुर्ग-नागपुर खुली तार लाइनो पर खराबिया हाती है तो कभी-कभी भिलाई से दिल्ली की काले देरी से लग पाती है। ये खराबिया अक्सर नहीं होती है।

#### Functioning of MRA

2486 SHRI B K DASCHOWDHURY Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news report on 10th June, 1974 in which the Meghalaya Finance Minister was stated to have said that the functioning of the MRA is a matter of opinion whether it is good or bad, and

(b) whether in pursuance of questions raised in the Parliament he has made any enquiry into the alleged involvement of Meghalaya Ministers with the CIA through the MRA?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F H MOHSIN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) No such enquiry has been made. Full vigilance is, however, being maintained in regard to national security.

#### Atomic Clock acquired by National Physical Laboratory

2487, SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Physical Laboratory has acquired an atomic clock,

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, and

(c) whether the laboratory is developing a series of cesium-beam, hydrogen-maser and rubidium vapour atomic clocks with indigenous know-how if so, their stage of development and the time by which these are likely to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The Cesium-Beam Atomic Clock is based on fundamental quantum phenomena and has an accuracy of one second in ten thousand years. With the acquiring of this atomic clock the accuracy of the present system which is 2 parts in  $10^8$  and is based on quartz crystal has been improved to 7 parts in  $10^{12}$ . The higher order of accuracy available from this atomic clock will meet the sophisticated time and frequency requirements of Defence Space Research, Radio Science Communication Satellite tracking and other research activities in the country.

(c) Yes Sir. The development of a series of cesium-beam hydrogen maser and rubidium vapour atomic clocks with indigenous know-how has been initiated at National Physical Laboratory (NPL). It is hoped that indigenous atomic clocks will be ready in about five years' time depending upon the availability of resources which involve considerable inputs.

#### Technical Objection in Setting up of Newsprint Project in Kerala

2488 SHRI VAYALAR RAVI Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Hindustan Paper Corporation has raised any new technical objection regarding the setting

up of a newsprint project in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by Government to the smooth progress of the works on this project and its completion at the scheduled time?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Hindustan Paper Corporation is going ahead with the implementation of the project. The Project Report has been updated and orders for plant and machinery are expected to be placed shortly.

#### Kerala Agricultural Labour Bill

2489 SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has not so far given clearance to the Kerala Agricultural Labour Bill which is aimed at improvement of the working conditions of several lakhs of agricultural labourers; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay and the time by which clearance is expected to be given to this Bill?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) The Bill has been assented to by the President on 31/7/1974.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Black Marketing of Truck Tyres in Kanpur

2490. SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police has recovered hoarded Truck Tyres worth several lakhs of rupees at Kanpur, recently in June, during raids on several godowns;

(b) whether any quantity of tyres and tubes are available in black market and the genuine customers are deprived of them due to defective distribution system in the whole country; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take against the licensed authorised dealers, who are either caught red handed or doing black marketing in this trade?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Government of U P. has been requested to furnish the required information. It will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is collected.

(b) and (c) There has been a shortfall in the production of tyres and tubes due to power cuts, labour troubles and inadequate availability of raw materials etc. As a result of this, there are complaints regarding the shortage and selling of tyres and tubes at a premium; particularly tyres and tubes for buses and trucks. The real solution lies in stepping up production so as to keep pace with demand. The Government have therefore been concentrating on various measures to increase production to the extent possible. The Industry has worked out a distribution scheme in consultation with the Government which envisages close monitoring of the activities of distributors and dealers at various levels. The distribution scheme provides that every small consumer will register himself at the nearest Tyre Distribution Centre and obtain a tyre quota card for each vehicle he owns and operates.

Automobile tyres and tubes have also been declared as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act. The dealers, if found involved in blackmarketing are dealt with according to the provisions of essential Commodities Act.