HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JA-COB): (a) So far, fencing for a length of 36.57 Kms. has been done on the Indo-Bangladesh border.

- (b) No. Sir.
- (c) Question does not arise.

Formation of Aluminium Authority of India

2282. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to form an 'Aluminium Authority of India' and bring all the Aluminium factories under its authority in order to control prices; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Magnesite Project at Pithoragarh, U.P.

2283. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to close down Pithoragarh Magnesite Project of Bharat Refractories Limited, in Pithoragarh, Uttar Pradesh; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b) The Government has approved the proposal of M/s. Bharat Refractories Ltd. not to implement the proposed Pithoragarh Magnesite Project

as it was felt that consequent to shift in the demand pattern of refractories, the project would be unviable.

Per Capita Milk Consumption

2284. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the per capita consumption of milk in the urban and rural areas of Maharashtra separately during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): The State Government of Maharashtra has reported that during the year 1990-91 per capita consumption of milk in urban areas was 107 grams while in the rural areas it was 126 grams.

Telephone Connections in Nauded and Parbhani Districts of Maharashtra

2285. SHRI VILASRAO GUNDE-WAR: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new telephone connections provided to the applicants on the waiting list in Nanded and Parbhani district of Maharashtra during 1990; and
- (b) the number of new telephone connections likely to be released during 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAY-YA NAIDU): (a) During 1990- new telephone connections given in Nanded and Farbhani districts are 313 and 331 respectively.

(b) During 1992, the approximate number of new telephone connections likely to be released is as under:

Nanded				450
Parbhani	•	•	•	500