

3132. **SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an Atomic Power Plant in Midnapore Distt., West Bengal:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to set up an atomic power plant at Midnapore, Distt., West Bengal. Due to availability of coal reserves in the Eastern Electricity Region, of which West Bengal is a part, priority for setting up nuclear power plants in that region is relatively low.

**Eatable Counters to be run by Super Bazar**

3133. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Super Bazar proposes to run eatable counters and to make available to the consumers items of daily need at reasonable rates at 'no profit no loss' basis:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the items of daily need are generally not available through its branch stores invariably and these remain out of stock for days together;

(d) if so, whether any assessment of the situation has been made in regard to the above to ensure that the

Super Bazar takes on only the ventures for which it was created; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Super Bazar is already selling consumer eatable items such as bread, butter, eggs, jams, pulses, spices, biscuits, potato chips, ghee and oils and other items of daily need at reasonable rates through its Grocery and Frozen Food Departments. It is also selling fresh fruit juice and soft drinks from its Connaught Place branch.

(c) No, Sir. Super Bazar endeavours to maintain the supply line of items of daily need as far as possible. Sometime one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other as it becomes difficult at times to maintain such supplies due to various reasons such as, short supply, non-availability of items with the source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors or certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

(d) and (e) Super Bazar has been able to exercise a healthy effect in controlling the market price which is one of the main objectives for which it has been set up. Super Bazar has recently established a Control Room in the Headquarters building where the 'stock-out' positions are collected from all its outlets and efforts are made to provide the branches the required items as far as possible. A weekly meeting of Senior Officers connected with procurement and sale is held regularly where position relating to stock-out items and their procurement is reviewed.