

[English]

**Supply of Coal to Thermal Power Plant at Raichur, Karnataka**

3549. SHRIV. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether only sub-standard coal is supplied to the Thermal Power Plant at Raichur in Karnataka in spite of repeated complaints being made in that regard; and

(b) whether there is a regular supply as per demand, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Complaints have been received from the Raichur Thermal power Station regarding materials in the coal supplied from Western Coalfields Limited. These complaints have been looked into and steps have been taken to improve the quality of coal.

(b) There is firmly regular supply of coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station. From April, 1991 to February, 1992, 18.37 lakh tonnes of coal have been supplied to this Thermal Power Plant.

**Encroachment in Chittaranjan Park Colony**

3550. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the vacant plots in Chittaranjan Park Colony, New Delhi have been encroached;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures the Government pro-

pose to take to prevent such unauthorised encroachments in this colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). Delhi Development Authority has reported that there is no encroachment on the 714 plots which are under their management. The information in respect of plots with land & Development Office in the colony is not readily available. However, it is reported that the Government proposes to allot L&DO plots meant for community purposes to local bodies for immediate utilisation in order to avoid encroachment.

[Translation]

**Mobile FPS in Delhi**

3551. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:  
SHRI BALRAJ PASI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce mobile fair price shops in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said shops are proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Delhi Administration has reported that Delhi Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Stores Ltd. has been allowed, since November, 1991, to run 5 mobile Fair Price Shops, on an experimental basis, in the

walled city areas where premises for running Fair Price Shops are not easily available.

[English]

### Space Application Technology for Rural Development Programme

3552. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise Space application technology for rural development programme; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Space Technology has been utilised for various rural development programmes using space remote sensing and communication capabilities. The specific projects carried out at National level are:

- Ground water potential zone mapping under the National Drinking Water Technology Mission to provide water source in problem villages. These maps have helped in drilling wells with success rates of 85-92%.

- Wasteland mapping to assist the reclamation of such land for productive use through afforestation, horticulture, fodder development, etc.

- Mini and micro watershed prioritisation for enhanced command area irrigation through appropriate soil conservation measures.

- Using satellite data, weekly marine fisheries charts indicating potential

areas for fishing are being disseminated to fisheries departments/associations.

- As part of the satellite based communication programme, disaster warning system for advance warning of cyclones. rural telegraphy to enable communication with remote areas and mass educational programmes for rural population are being provided.

### Demand for Cars

3553. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great fall in the demand of cars in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of vehicles manufactured by each of the main car manufacturers and their licensed capacity during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the demand of cars in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The sale of passenger cars has registered a negative growth rate of 7% during the period April-January 1991-92 over the corresponding period of 1990-91. This could be attributed to decline in demand resulting from tightening of monetary policy of Government in order to control fiscal deficit and increase in prices.

(c) The production of passenger cars manufactured by the major car manufacturers during the last three years has been as under: