

territorial claims/counterclaims are pending:

- (i) Maharashtra and Karnataka;
- (ii) Karnataka and Kerala;
- (iii) Assam and Nagaland; and
- (iv) Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

These disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the States Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will be glad to extend all assistance to the State Governments.

Cost of production of Nuclear Energy

*874. SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the international rate/cost of production of nuclear energy;
- (b) how it compares with the cost of production in India;
- (c) the reasons for very high cost of indigenous production; and
- (d) the efforts being made to bring it down?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (d). Comparable figures are not available. However, continuous efforts are being made to lower our cost of production by standardising designs so as to reduce the gestation period for future projects and by modifying designs to achieve higher capacity factors in on-going and future projects.

Rise in price of Cars

*875. SHRI JITENDRA PRASHAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of cars Ambassador, Fiat and Matador have gone up by 25 per cent since last year;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the steep increase in prices;
- (c) whether the manufacturers have made any improvements in

vehicles after the increase in prices; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The ex-factory Net Dealer Prices of Ambassador and Premier cars have gone up by about 25 per cent and 16 per cent respectively since August 1979. Matador vehicle does not fall in the category of passenger cars. However, its ex-factory Net Dealer Price has gone up by about 4 per cent during the same period.

(b) to (d). The increase in the prices of passenger cars and Matador vehicle are stated to have been effected by the manufacturers to cover the rise in the production costs on account of increases in the cost of various inputs and increase in the incidence of Central and State levies. The passenger cars currently manufactured in the country are of old designs. Although improvements such as strengthening of suspension, improvement in anti-rust characteristics etc. are reported to have been made from time to time, it would be difficult to correlate such improvements with the increase in the prices effected from time to time.

Funds for Maharashtra's Crash Programme to overcome Energy Shortage

*875-A. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Maharashtra had requested for funds to undertake a Crash Programme to overcome "energy shortage";
- (b) if so, what is the amount requested for gas-based and thermal power stations at Uran and Chandrapur (Phase II);
- (c) whether there has been long delay in giving clearance to the release of funds; and
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TIWARI): (a) to (c). No request has been received from Government of Maharashtra for funds to undertake a crash programme to overcome energy shortages. However, funds have been provided for Uran Gas Turbine project in 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 and for Chandrapur Thermal Stage-II in 1979-80 and 1980-81 in the State's Annual Plans.

(d) Does not arise.

Study of Radiation Hazards by Atomic Plants

*876. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have with the assistance of UNSCEAR and IAEA or of their own have undertaken any study to satisfy itself that radiation released by the atomic plants in India do not really pose a health hazard to the nearby population or animals;

(b) if so, when such a study was made; and

(c) the findings thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The Department of Atomic Energy with their own resources carry out studies of the environment and the population in the neighbourhood of nuclear plants. Such studies are started a few years before the commissioning of the plant and continued thereafter.

(c) The findings of such studies are that the radioactivity released by nuclear power plants in India do not pose any health hazards to the population in the neighbourhood.

छठी योजना में राजगरोन्मुख शिक्षा की स्कीमों को शामिल करना

*877. श्री प्रताप भानु शर्मा: क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या शिक्षा को राजगरोन्मुख बनाने तथा बढ़ती हुई बेरोजगारी की समस्या को

सुलझाने के लिए छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में कुछ विशेष स्कीमों को शामिल किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) क्या छठी योजना के बारे में अंतिम निर्णय लेने से पहले सरकार का इस संबंध में देश के शिक्षाविदों और युवानेताओं से विचार-विमर्श करने का विचार है?

योजना मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी): (क) और (ख). 1980-85 को नई योजना तैयार हो रही है। सरकार ने 1980-85 की पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए प्रस्ताव और कार्यक्रम तैयार करने के लिए "शिक्षा और संस्कृति - 1980-85 की योजना" से संबंधित एक कार्यकारी दल स्थापित किया है। यह कार्यकारी दल शिक्षा पद्धत में व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के स्थान और इस प्रयोजन के लिए बनाए जाने वाले कार्यक्रमों और नीतियों पर भी विचार करेगा। इस कार्यकारी दल को सदस्यों में शिक्षाविद् शामिल हैं।

Road Accidents Involving Scooters and Motor Cycles

6947. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents involving two wheeler scooters and motor cycles in the States of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Union Territory of Delhi during the last three years;

(b) how many of them were fatal in respect of person driving a vehicle and the pillion rider; and

(c) how many of the accidents took place in the cities and outside the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and on receipt of the same a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.