

TICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MP'S Quota of Imported Vehicles

7551. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imported vehicles are being sold through STC;

(b) if so, whether there is a provision of releasing such vehicles to Members of Parliament at predecided price;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to fix VIP quota for MPs for such vehicles; and

(d) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of a TV Centre at Junagarh

7552. SHRI G. K. SHEKHADA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a TV Centre in Junagarh district; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). A Low Power (100 W) TV Transmitter has already been functioning at Junagarh since January, 1989. Any further strengthening of TV service in the area depends upon availability of funds for the purpose.

Clearance of Out-Station Cheques

7553. SHRI NATHU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that it takes months together to get out-station cheques cleared from Delhi and it causes difficulties to the customers;

(b) whether Government have ever conducted an inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific steps Government propose to take to fix the responsibility for delay and also to pay interest to the parties whose cheques are not cleared within a prescribed time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has come across some instances of delay in the collection of outstation cheques in Delhi. It has, however, been the endeavour of the public sector banks to effect clearance of outstation cheques as speedily as possible. Introduction of Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) technology, computerisation of clearing houses, establishment of National Clearing of outstation MICR cheques and increased use of courier service are some of the measures which have been taken for quickening the process of collection of outstation cheques. Bank have also been advised to extend the facility of immediate credit of