

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINIAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) to (c) Delhi is the national capital and the seat of foreign legations. It is, therefore, essential that the Centre should have greater control over Delhi than would be possible if Delhi is granted Statehood. As regards Goa, Daman and Diu, the matter will be considered at the appropriate time keeping in view the totality of circumstances and the relevant factors.

#### Steps to control price of viscose staple fibre

504. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that manufacturers of viscose staple fibre are selling V.S.F. at very high staple price; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control its prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) According to returns furnished to the Textile Commissioner, the prices of regular viscose staple fibre have, by and large, remained steady, except for April-May 1986 when market prices had increased because of strike in one of the units.

There is, at present, no proposal to bring viscose staple fibre under price control. In order to improve the availability of suitable fibres at competitive prices for projected requirements, Government have, from time to time, issued letters of intent for fresh capacity.

#### Explosives in a DTC bus

505. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether investigations have been made by the Government into the incident of discovery of explosives in a DTC bus in Delhi on 1st September, 1986;

(b) if so, whether the miscreants have been arrested; and

(c) whether Government have tightened up the security measures in the capital to curb terrorist activities in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Steps like increased foot and mobile patrolling, intensive checking of vulnerable places, posting pickets at strategic points, vigilance at crowded places, surprise checking of vehicles, strengthening of border check posts and holding of inter-State/inter-district meetings to exchange information about the movements of extremists, have been taken. Publicity is made through the media cautioning the people not to pick up unclaimed objects and to inform the police if they come across any unclaimed suspicious object.

#### Indigenous technology in defence production

506. DR. C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether indigenous technology has not been encouraged much in defence production; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir, Wherever possible, indigenous technology is given encouragement in defence production.

(b) Does not arise.