

whether rock-dust or fly-ash will be used; and

(e) the steps being taken to check price-rise in cement and reported blackmarketing?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) and (b). A comprehensive policy covering all aspects of production, distribution and pricing relating to the cement industry is being formulated and the details would be announced as soon as they are finalised.

(c) and (d). Amendment in lieu of new process technology for mini-cement plants developed in the Federal Republic of Germany is being evaluated. A decision on the import of mini-cement plants will be taken only after a team of experts has visited the FRG to study the new plant and obtain all necessary details in this regard. At the same time steps to utilise indigenously developed technology in mini-cement plants are also being considered.

(e) The retail prices of cement are controlled by fixing the F.O.R. destination price under the Cement Control Order, 1967. Government are also implementing several measures aimed at increased production by the existing units, installation of additional capacity and for conservation and better utilisation of cement. Cement has also been declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and adequate powers have been delegated to the State Governments under this Act for taking suitable action to check malpractices.

#### **Generation of Power in Damodar Valley Corporation**

**2931. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of power generated by Damodar Valley Corporation month-wise in 1977; and

(b) how the electricity generated by Damodar Valley Corporation has been distributed and through which agencies, together with the quantum thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **समाचार पत्रों के पंजीयन के कार्यालय के प्रादेशिक कार्यालय**

**2932. श्री चतुर्भुज :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि समाचार पत्रों के पंजीयन के प्रादेशिक कार्यालय इस समय कहां-कहां पर स्थित हैं और भविष्य में प्रादेशिक कार्यालय कहां-कहां पर स्थापित किए जाने हैं ?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण श्राद्धवाणी) :** समाचार पत्रों के रजिस्ट्रार का कोई प्रादेशिक कार्यालय नहीं है। तथापि, बम्बई, कलकत्ता और मद्रास में इसके तीन सर्कुलेशन कार्यालय हैं। कोई भी प्रादेशिक कार्यालय स्थापित करने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

#### **Plans for Welfare of Defence Personnel**

**2933. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of army commanders was held on 14th November, 1977;

(b) whether any plans for the welfare of the Defence Personnel were discussed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when these new plans are likely to be implemented?