

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The investigations made by the Coal India Ltd. revealed the non-existence of some industrial consumers who were sponsored coal for their industries. A survey carried out in the State of Uttar Pradesh in and around Meerut during April 1978 indicated 87 cases of non-existent units. Sponsoring authorities have been informed in this regard by the Coal India Ltd. A similar survey conducted in Greater Calcutta area revealed that 34 units having coal linkages were not in operation. Despatches to their account have been suspended under advice to the State Government.

The Central Government have also requested the State Governments to take necessary action to assess the genuine requirement of coal for various categories of consumers for purpose of sponsorship.

Obscenity in Weeklies and Books

4200. **PROF. SAMAR GUHA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether obscene, vulgar and other provocative pictures are now appearing in larger volumes in various weeklies and books;

(b) whether Government agreed to control display of such types of pictures; and

(c) if so, steps taken or proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). It has been brought to the notice of Government that obscene, vulgar and provocative pictures are appearing in some newspaper/periodicals/books. As no statistics are maintained, comparison is not possible.

The existing laws of the land are considered sufficient to deal with such matters. The proposed Press Council will also exercise its moral authority over the Press on such matters.

Manufacture of Electronic Watches

4201. **SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:**

SHRI NATVERLAL B. PARMAR:

SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to liberally licence manufacture of electronic watches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of applications from small scale sector are pending for manufacture of electronic watches;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a project by H.M.T. for the same purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's policy regarding licensing i.e. whether these watches will be manufactured in large scale industry or small scale industry?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (e). A comprehensive industrial and technology policy on Electronic watches is being formulated by/under consideration of Government and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is finalised.

Production of Sugarcane and Cotton in Punjab

4202. **SHRI BHAGAT RAM:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugarcane and cotton in Punjab;