Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1683. SHRI ANANTHARAMULU MALLU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state.

- (a) whether it is a fact that a cloud of the un-certainty is gathering over the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant with USSR unwillingness to part with repetitive detailed jobs involved in the IInd Stage of the primary Zonal coke, ovens blast; furnaces, steel melting shops and sintering plants; and
 - (b) if so the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARAN-JIT CHANANA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Car prices

1684. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have expressed concern over the skyrocketing of passenger car prices which have more than doubled during 1976 and 1981;
- (b) the prevailing market prices for an Ambassador, Premier Padmini car; and

(c) the measures Government propose to adopt to regulate car prices? ١:

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) The manufacturers have reported that prices have been increased from time to time owing to increases in cost of inputs, cost of manufacture, over heads etc. Government have impressed upon the manufacturers the need inter alle for curbing price increases. At the same time, the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has been asked to look into the matter and report. The ex-show room retail prices of the Ambassador and Premier Padmini Cars in Delhi as on 1-1-82 were as follows:-

> Price as on 1-1-82 (In Rupees)

Ambassador 73.525 Premier Padmlni 69.427

Arrests under NSA in 1981

1685, SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFF-AIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many citizens of India have been arrested (detained) under