

(210 मे०वा०) के बाँयलर में 9/10 अक्टूबर, 1992 को एक विस्फोट हुआ जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 12 व्यक्ति मारे गये व तीन व्यक्ति जखमी हुये।

(ग) दुर्घटना से संबंधित विस्तृत अन्वेषण कार्य पूरा हो जाने के पश्चात् ही उत्तरदायित्व का निर्धारण किया जा सकेगा।

#### Power Transmission and Distribution in Delhi by Private Agencies

222. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to give transmission and distribution in Delhi to private companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what is its present stage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Ms. India Electricity Supply and Transmission Ltd. (Modi Group of Companies) has submitted a proposal for taking over generation, transmission and distribution of power in Delhi. Proposal is general in nature, without any detailed feasibility report. Government has set up a Task Force to examine the proposal and to explore the possibilities of entrusting generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in Delhi to private sector.

#### Excessive Billing by D.E.S.U.

223. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.E.S.U. has proved that when it comes to overbilling, it is second to none as per the news-item entitled "DESU 'billing' leaves residents sweltering", which appeared in the Indian Express of 22nd September, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Keeping in view the 17.5 lakh consumers in DESU system, certain instances of defective billing cannot be avoided. The incident of disconnection of electricity of the consumer mentioned in the said news-item occurred due to inadvertent human error as two bills were being issued against the same connection. DESU has already rectified the deficiency by deleting the duplicate data in the computer. Action has also been initiated to identify other such cases and to correct the records to avoid occurrence of such incidents in future.

#### Plant Load Factor in U.P.

224. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Plant Load Factor for the Electricity Boards in Uttar Pradesh for the current year; and

(b) what is being done for increasing the Plant Load Factor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Plant Load Factor for thermal stations of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board during April 92—October 92 is 47.2%.

(b) Various measures being taken to increase the Plant Load Factor are Renovation and Modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking Plant Betterment Programme, supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal, training of operation & Maintenance personnel, Productivity award scheme and scheme for efficient operation of thermal power stations etc.