

(c) \$ 55,742,700/- including cost of engines, spares and other support services.

(d) and (e) F-404 engines are being produced for use in LCA demonstrators/prototypes. There is no plan to use F-404 engine for the LCA production aircraft. There is a guarantee from General Electric (GE) Co., manufacture of these engines, to give support during the development programme of LCA for which supply contract has been signed. GE has also assured further support, if required, on terms to be negotiated.

#### Consolidation of electronic firms

\*275. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote consolidation of medium or small sized consumer electronic firms into large viable units on the Japanese model;

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the electronics industry about it; and

(c) the reaction of the industry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):  
(a) There is no such proposal at present under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Production of 'Shankh' edible oil

\*276. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation has been manufacturing edible Oil called 'Shankh';

(b) if so, the details of production thereof monthwise during the last one year;

(c) whether the price of the product had been increased in the past;

(d) if so, the present price of this product alongwith the reasons for increase;

(e) what are the special features of this product;

(f) whether Government propose to take any steps to ensure that its objectives for launching the product are not further defeated; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production of 'Shankh' brand Vegetable Oils by Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation since the month of its launching i.e. January, 1991, month-wise is given below:—

Month	Quantity in MTS
January	31.706
February	10.3
March	12.5
April	43.975
May	27.00
June	31.00
July (upto 25-7-91)	114.00

(c) and (d) On account of increase in the prices of indigenous crude cottonseed oil and mustard oil, prices of 'Shankh' vegetable oils have been revised

from time to time. The present prices of above said oil are as under:—

	(MRP in Rs.)	
	15 kg.	1kg.
Shankh refined cottonseed oil	605	42.00
Shankh refined mustered oil	540	37.00%

(e) The special features of Shankh vegetable oils are:

(i) Both the cottonseed and mustard oils are also packed in 1kg pouch to provide the consumer unadulterated and hygienic oil.

(ii) Prices are economical.

(iii) Cotton seed oil is rich in PUFA (Poly unsaturated fatty acid) which is considered good for health.

(f) and (g) Government has instructed the Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation Limited to maintain the Standards of the quality of this product and to publicise it to bring about consumer awareness about the wholesomeness at economical price.

#### Demolition of hutments of Bhopal Gas Victims

\*277. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the five member team of the Peoples' Union for Civil Liberties, describing the demolition of the hutments of Bhopal Gas Victims by anti-encroachments squads as illegal and inhuman;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether any relief would be provided to Bhopal Gas Victims affected by demolition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter concerns the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

#### Capacity utilisation of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

\*278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity utilisation in Hindustan Cables Ltd. fell substantially during 1990;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of fall in the capacity utilisation of HCL during 1990 and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by HCL as a result thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to improve its capacity utilisation in 1991 to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) During 1989-90 and 1990-91, the fall in capacity was 27% and 38% respectively, mainly due to shift in demand pattern of traditional products, severe competition and power restrictions.

(c) The loss suffered by HCL during 1990-91 is estimated at Rs. 617 crores.

(d) With a view to improve capacity utilisation, Government have approved schemes for conversion of dry core cable capacity to jelly filled cable capacity, manufacture of joining kits and diversification into allied fields.

#### Production and price of fertilizers

\*279. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of production of each type of fertilizer during