

THE MINISTER OF STATE UN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Particulars of registered vehicles are kept at the Headquarters of the Directorate of Transport at Under Hill Road# and at three other zonal offices of the Directorate.

The Control Room at the Headquarter of the Directorate of Transport functions round-the-clock, and the staff is also kept on duty round-the-clock at other offices of the Directorate to facilitate instant supply of information in respect of any vehicle.

(b) No such suggestion has been received by the Delhi Police.

(c) One. Steps to bring about improvements are reviewed from time to time.

Exclusive TV transmission channel for States

2219. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any measures so as to ensure that one television transmission channel is allotted exclusively to the States; and

(b) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has expressed willingness to share financial burden in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such offer has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Fall in growth rate

2220. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what are the reasons for a fall in growth rate of economy in the year 1985-86; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to improve the position as targeted in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) There was no fall in the growth rate of economy as a whole, in 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85. As per the Annual Plan 1986-87 (copies of which have been laid on the Table of the two Houses of Parliament) the Gross Domestic Product in real terms is estimated to have gone up by over 4.5 per cent in 1985-86 as against 5.7 per cent in 1984-85.

Despite unfavourable monsoon, agricultural production in 1985-86 is estimated to have been higher than in 1984-85. The total production of foodgrains in 1985-86 is estimated at 150.5 million tonnes as against 146.2 million tonnes in 1984-85. Sugarcane production is estimated to have increased from 173.57 million tonnes in 1984-85 to 175.0 million tonnes in 1985-86; cotton from 8.47 million bales to 8.60 million bales and Jute/Mesta from 7.98 million bales to 12.40 million bales during the same period.

The provisional index of industrial production for 1985-86 shows an increase of 6.2 per cent over 1984-85. Though it is lower than the Plan target of 7 per cent, it is significant to note that the industrial growth has been steadily rising since 1983-84. The Manufacturing sector recorded a growth rate of 5.8 per cent in 1985-86, Electricity generation of 8.6 per cent and Mining 4.6 per cent. There was also a substantial augmentation of infrastructural facilities during 1985-86.

With the launching of the Seventh Five Year Plan in 1985-86, certain major policy initiatives were taken to promote growth, reinforce anti-poverty programmes and give a new direction to fiscal policy. As a result of these policy initiatives and vigorous implementation of development programmes