

Technology for the mainframe range of computer against which 5 offers were received. Those offers have been evaluated and the recommendations are presently being finalised for purchase of Technology. This Technology would be used for the manufacture of Mainframe range of computer by a public sector unit.

Avro aircraft in the service of airlines

278. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Avro aircraft in the service of Indian Airlines as on the 31st March, 1985; and

(b) the number of Avros purchased fifteen years ago?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Eleven.

(b) Fifteen.

Heavy Water for the Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad and Atomic Power Station, Madras

279. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether requirements of heavy water for THE NUCLEAR Fuel Complex at Hyderabad and the Atomic Power Station at Madras are being met by the indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): The Nuclear Fuel Complex at Hyderabad does not need heavy water. The requirements of heavy water for the Madras Atomic Power Station are being met

and will continue to be met by indigenous production.

Environment Deterioration in Bombay and Calcutta

280. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Rashmi Mayur, noted environmentalist and Director of Urban Development Institute, Bombay, while chairing the Environment Commission for the second provisional World Parliament organised by the World Constitution and Parliament Association held at New Delhi from March 17 to 26, 1985, has predicted that Bombay alongwith Calcutta would be under water by 2020 A.D. due to the continuing phenomenal accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere on account of the burning of fossil fuel;

(b) whether he has suggested that the only way to stop his catastrophe is to gradually reduce consumption of fossil fuel and move towards sustainable and solar energies and also start a programme of afforestation of fast growing trees on a very large scale, particularly in desertified areas and remineralise all forests in order to protect them; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take on his suggestions to save the cities and environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The prediction of Dr. Mayur is a hypothesis only and has not been conclusively proved. So, it is not possible to take any action only on hypothesis at this stage. However Government have taken up programmes for afforestation are popularisation of new energy sources.