

(c) and (d) Some representations have been received against privatization/cooperativization of showrooms and the Hindustan Coir Factory which are under consideration of the Government.

Effect of nuclear test

†*726. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether nuclear test leads to dangerous effects on nature and environment;

(b) the likely ill effects as a result thereof; and

(c) whether such tests can be undertaken at other places beside Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Fully contained underground nuclear tests as conducted by India have no dangerous effects on nature or the environment.

(b) does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Such tests can be undertaken only at those places which fulfill certain attributes with respect to properties of rock strata, geohydrology, isolation of the place from populated area etc.

Tariff for ILD Calls

*727. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has approved tariff for some of the private companies for the International Long Distance calls;

(b) if so, the tariffs as approved by TRAI;

(c) the private companies which have been granted ISD licence;

(d) whether the revised tariff has been introduced by these companies; and

(e) if so, from which date?

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