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- (c) whether the payment of these engines was agreed upon in Indian currency:
- (d) whether payment has been made for these engines; and
- (e) if so, the time by which these engines are likely to be manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Part of the payments have been as per the milestones agreed upon in the Agreement with the Russian agency.
- (e) The Cryogenic Stages are to be delivered to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 1995-96.

[English]

Software Service Support and **Education Centre**

694. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the European Community and India have agreed to set up a Software Service Support and Education Centre to provide thrust to software export to EC Countries;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether any decision has been taken about the location of this Centre; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d). Yes. Sir. It has been decided to set up the Software

Service Support and Education Centre at Bangalore. The objectives of the Centre are to improve the level of sophistication and the awareness of the strategic importance of Information Technology in India and to enable the Indian software industry to become familiar with the European software engineering tools, standards and methodologies.

[Translation]

Development of Silk under KVIC

695. SHRI TEJSINGHRAO BHONSLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the development of silk under the Khadi and Village Industries commission in Maharashtra:
- (b) whether any financial assistance has been provided for this purpose during 1991-92 and 1992-93:
 - (c) if so, the details thereof:
- (d) whether any proposal for providing financial assistance for production of silk under KVIC is pending with the Government:
 - (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES)(SHRI ARUNACHALAM): (a) KVIC has formulated schemes for development of silk Khadi in all silk producing States in India. These schemes are applicable to Maharashtra. Funds are being provided for these.

(b) and (c). The financial assistance provided by KVIC to Maharashtra State during 1991-92 and 1992-93 under silk Khadi is as under-

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	1991-92	1992-93
Working Capital	0.28	0.26
Bank Finance	28.14	35.86
Capital Expenditure Loan	11.79	0.25
Capital Expenditure Grant	3.01	

(d) to (f). No proposal for financing Silk Industry is pending with the Government.

[English]

Export by Small Scale Industries

696. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of contribution to the broad sectors of exports by the Small Scale Industries during each of the last three years;
 - (b) the percentage of financial assistance

provided to the Small Scale Sector by various financial institutions during the period;

- (c) the principal items of goods exported by the Small Scale Sector during the period; and
- (d) the estimated potential of employment in the Small Scale Sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):