

(b) whether some of the projects are laying pending on account of non-receipt of assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to over-come this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Sir, scientific projects are being undertaken in a number of our institutions with the assistance of other countries in several areas. These include new and composite materials, fibre optics lasers, supernova physics, standards, cryogenics coal processing, rubber technology, welding technology, tribological coatings, surface chemistry, lipids, hepatitis, leprosy, rheumatic heart diseases, monoclonal antibodies, recombinant DNA and hybridoma technologies, fertility regulation, pesticides, onitrogen fixation, soil conservation, pathology of oil seeds, dry land farming.

Time bound projects, administered by various agencies of the Governments, are supported with assistance from various countries, including EEC, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA, erstwhile USSR.

The projects are being implemented at academic, agricultural and medical institutions, and national research laboratories.

(b) No such cases have been reported.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Promotion of Domestic Industry

7446. SHRI LAL BABU RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government for the promotion and development of domestic industries during the last three years; and

(b) the progress made by the domestic industry as a result thereof during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Promotion of domestic industry such as Khadi, Villages Sericulture, Handicrafts, Handloom and Coir is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through measures like provision of scarce and critical raw material, transfer of technology provision finance and creation of institutional framework at all India level. For providing serves and support to these industries under a single roof, 422 District Industries Centres have been set up in the country. These centres also ensure close linkages with agencies engaged in the development of domestic industries.

(b) As a result of these growth-oriented policies, the total production in Khadi and Village Industries was to the tune of Rs. 2, 280.02 crores in 1990-91, generating employment to 48.57 lakh persons. The data for 1991-92 is under compilation.

[*English*]

Dealership of Maruti Cars

7447. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: