

**Growth Centres in Tonk District,
Rajasthan**

4917. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up industrial development centre in Tonk district of Rajasthan which is industrially backward; and

(b) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Under the growth centre scheme announced in June, 1988 four growth centres are proposed to be set up one each in the districts of Bhilwara, Bikaner, Jhalawar and Sirahi.

[English]

Manufacture of Cars

4918. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications have been received for manufacture of Cars and motor vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to promote more entrepreneurs in this field;

(d) whether more fuel saving engines and devices are proposed to be made compulsory for vehicles; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Government have

been receiving applications for permission to manufacture cars. However, considering the fact that the likely demand for cars till the year 1994-95 would be met through existing capacities and the need to avoid fragmentation of capacity and establishment of unviable units, no new entrants for manufacture of cars are being permitted. Manufacture of other motor vehicles has already been de-licensed under the New Industrial Policy.

(d) to (e). Government encourages use of fuel efficient engines through fiscal incentives and selective import of technology.

Radio Station at Kodaikanal

4919. SHRI R. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Radio Station at Kodaikanal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A new Radio Station equipped with 2 x 5 KW FM transmitter, multi-purpose studio and staff quarters is under establishment at Kodaikanal.

(c) Does not arise.

Food Processing Industry in Periyakulam

4920. SHRI R. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up any Food Processing Industry in Periyakulam Parliamentary constituency to util-

ise the large quantities of grapes, Mangoes and pine apples available there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not directly set up food processing industries in any state. However, various Plan Schemes have been formulated by this Ministry to provide financial assistance to the State Governments, State Government Undertakings, their Cooperative Societies and Public Sector Undertakings to set up food processing industries in different States. At present there is no proposal to set up any food processing industry in Periyakulam Parliamentary Constituency.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of P.T.A.

4921. SHRI R. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for manufacturing P.T.A. (Purified Terephthalic Acid) near Madras, was approved in the year 1987; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and when the work on the project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). A letter of intent to set up an aromatic plant at Manali near Madras was granted in 1987 to M/s Madras Refineries Limited. The project will inter-alia produce 200,000 tonnes per annum of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA). The project is estimated to cost Rs. 1380 crores (August 1990 prices). The project implementation will begin after investment approval etc. are received by the

company.

New Electronic Units in Kerala

4922. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for establishing new electronic units like Keltron in the State;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(c) the annual turn-over of Keltron?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The turnover of Keltron including its subsidiaries is as follows:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Turnover</i>
1989-90	Rs. 124 Crores
1990-91	Rs. 111 Crores

White Paper on Public Sector

4923. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring out a White Paper on the status of Public Sector Undertakings in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). In view of the fact