

(b) if so, whether such a unit will be in a joint venture between the Central and the State Government; and

(c) if not, whether Government will encourage private enterprises to set up such a unit in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). Government encourages setting up of Electronic Industries throughout the country in any permissible area. If the State Government endeavours to create conditions conducive for setting up such industries, Department of Electronics would give the necessary guidance for setting up of such units in Sikkim. With a view to encourage more electronic industries in Hill Districts included in Category 'A', has also been decided that the maximum ceiling of Central Investment subsidy would be raised from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs at the rate of 25% in case of electronic industries set up in 'Special Region Districts' in Category 'A'.

Memorandum for Bringing Fire Works Industry Under the Air Pollution Control Board

3474. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for bringing the fire works industry under the purview of the Air Pollution Control Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) action taken on this suggestion; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND

FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : (a) No such suggestion has been received by Government of India.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Pakistants Arrested for Espionage

3475. Shri K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pakistanis arrested for indulging in espionage activities in J & K and Punjab during the last one year;

(b) whether their number has increased considerably during this period; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to check the illegal entry of foreigners from across Pak border ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) During the period from 1.7.84 to 30.6.85, Seven Pak Nationals were arrested in Punjab and Eight were arrested in J & K for espionage activities.

(b) There has not been any significant increase in the number of foreign spies arrested during this period.

(c) To prevent illegal entry of foreigners from across the border, vigilance by security forces including BSF and Army has been intensified in the border regions.

Number of Military Personnel who lost their lives while Climbing Mount Everest

3476. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of military personnel who lost their lives while climbing Mount Everest during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent by Government on these expeditions; and

(c) whether Government would discourage the climbing Everest by Uniformed personnel in view of the grave risks involved in these expeditions and leave the field for others ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Five Army officers lost their lives during this period. All five were members of the till-date only Indian Army Everest Expedition, 1985. Rs. 62.74 lakhs, approximately, were spent on this expedition.

(c) No, Sir.

Degree Courses in Defence Sciences

3477 SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of universities in the country are having degree Courses in Defence Sciences;

(b) if so, the names of the universities with particulars of the courses;

(c) whether the Army Headquarters had constituted a Study Group to re-examine the need for establishment of a separate Defence University or any other similar Institution; and

(d) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Study Group recommended the establishment of a Defence University. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Growth rate of Industrial Performance

3478. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the areas of weakness observed in the last year of the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the industrial performance has shown an average growth rate of 6 per cent which is below target fixed for the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, whether the fundamental issues examined in connection with slow growth particularly in manufacturing industry were kept in view while formulation the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) A weakness of the Indian Industry has been inadequate attention paid to cost and quality considerations as it operated within an environment of protection. Widening technological gap between India and rest of the world also had the wider effect of increasing obsolescence and raising costs and inadequately up-grading quality.

The shortfall in out-put as against the target of the plan in various industries may be attributed to short-term factors and others relatively more long term in nature. Out-put in many industries was affected because of inadequate and irregular availability of power. Production also suffered due to prolonged labour unrest and insufficient demand in case of textiles, raw material shortage in case of jute manufacture, scarcity of coking coal in case of steel and inadequate availability of proper quality of steel in case of steel using industries.

(b) The target of growth for industrial production in the Sixth Plan was 7% per annum. The growth rate achieved however, was 5.5%. Augmentation of