

development during the last one year; and

(b) the number of industries set up in such districts during the last one year and the number of persons brought above the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) 300 districts/areas of the country have been identified as industrially backward eligible to various incentives like Central Investment Subsidy, concessional Finance, Interest Subsidy etc.; details are given in the booklet on 'INCENTIVES FOR INDUSTRIES IN BACKWARD AREAS' April, 1984 read with Press Note No. 14/2/83—DBA—I dated 9.4.85, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

During the year 1984-85 a sum of Rs. 82.02 cores & Rs. 2.99 crores were reimbursed to State Governments under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme and Transport Subsidy Scheme respectively.

(b) During the year 1985, 774 letters of intent, 427 Industrial Licences and 1140 DGTD registrations were accorded for setting up industries in the backward areas. Details such as name of the undertaking, location, item of manufacture etc. are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their "Monthly Newsletter"; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Information about the number of persons brought above poverty line in these areas is not maintained.

[English]

**Dr. Vardarajan Committee Report
on Bhopal Gas Leak**

4653. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Vrdarajan Committee's Report on the Bhopal gas leak has held that hydrogen cyanide was not responsible for the deaths caused ;

(b) whether this conclusion contra-

dicts the findings of the Central Air pollution Control Board and several other medical investigations ; and

(c) whether M/s. Union Carbide has failed to provide adequate information on the possibility of cyanide being released from Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Report on Scientific Studies on Factors related to Bhopal Toxic Gas Leakage submitted by a team of scientists headed by Dr. Vardarajan does not record the causes of death or injury. The Report has been chiefly concerned with the conditions that lead to the toxic gas leakage.

(c) Available Union Carbide Reports do not contain detailed information on the behaviour of methyl Isocyanate when subjected to heating and on the formation of cyanide.

**Non-Availability of Monotard Insulin
in Delhi**

4654. PROF. SAIFUDIN SOZ :

SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that monotard insulin, a life-saving drug for diabetic patients is not available in Delhi ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Doctors prefer imported stuff of the drug and do not prescribe local variety because of its inferior quality; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to produce standard quality insulin in future and ensure adequate supply of the imported variety as a short-run measure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is difficult to generalise.

(c) There is adequate production of