

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This plant of 25,000 MTPA capacity is expected to be commissioned by June, 1987.

(c) and (d). Presently, refill supplies in most of the markets in Gujarat are on a day-to-day basis. The Commissioning of the plant at Hazira will further augment the availability of refills.

Outlay for the growth of Khadi and Village Industries

1264. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total outlay earmarked during the Seventh Five Year Plan for the growth of Khadi and Village Industries Commission;

(b) the total production of Khadi during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and the value thereof; and

(c) the total outlay earmarked for industries during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and the total employment created till now in the rural areas ?

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

(a) The outlay of Rs. 540 crores has been earmarked in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of Khadi and Village Industries. This does not include outlay for rebate on Khadi and subsidy in lieu of interest on Government loans at the level of expenditure incurred in 1984-85.

(b) The total production of khadi during 1984-85 was 103.98 million sq. metres valued at Rs. 157.62 crores. The figures of production and value of khadi produced during 1985-86 can not be made available as the year will end on 31.3.1986.

(c) The total outlay earmarked for village industries under the KVIC during 1984-85 and 1985-86 has been Rs. 41.50 crores and Rs. 44.42 crores respectively.

The total employment provided under Khadi and Village Industries during the year 1984-85 was 37.89 lakh persons (khadi 13.05 lakh persons and Village Industries 24.84 lakh persons).

Factories manufacturing calcium carbide

1265. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of factories manufacturing calcium carbide and the total installed capacity of these factories;

(b) whether these factories are not able to reach even 50 per cent of their installed capacity on account of short supply of electric power; and

(c) whether any concession in excise duties is proposed to be given where the industry is not able to work upto full capacity due to short supply of electric power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) As per available information, at present, seven companies in the organised sector, with a total annual installed capacity of 1.85 lakh tonnes, are engaged in the manufacture of Calcium Carbide in the country.

(b) The low capacity utilisation is not only due to short supply of power but other constraints also.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration by the Government.

Husband and wife equal partners in property acquired after marriage

1266. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to enact a law so that husband and wife will be equal partners in property acquired by them after marriage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : No, Sir.