

[English]

BEL's joint venture with GE Medical Systems of USA

6224. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) propose to expand its activities and business in the field of medical electronics;

(b) if so, the details of the capacity utilisation, actual production, turnover and profits of X-ray tubes related equipment in the Bharat Electronics Limited unit at Pune during the last three years

and the target of estimated production for 1994-95;

(c) whether BEL also propose to enter into a joint venture with the GE Medical Systems of the USA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the objectives to be achieved by setting up the joint venture with GE Medical Systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

(Rs. in lakhs)

	<i>Production</i>	<i>Turnover</i>	<i>Profit</i>
1991-92	383	470	36
1992-93	639	759	44
1993-94 (provisional)	611	748	43
1994-95 (planned)	539	822	54

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The capacity utilisation in the last three years has been 80 to 85%.

(c) to (e). BEL is negotiating a contract with M/s General Electric Medical Systems (GEMS), U.S.A. for the supply of X-ray tubes and other parts. Discussions of a preliminary nature have also been held to explore the possibility of forming a joint venture.

Water Supply in Rajasthan

6225. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received the Project Report for water supply to Saline belt of Jhunjhunu, Churu, and Ganga Nagar from the Gov-