

(c) the name of the country to which maximum number of cars have been exported; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years by the export of cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The number of cars exported was 14,651 during 1992-93, 17,572 during 1993-94 and 23,092 during 1994-95 recording an increase of 20% during 1993-94 and 31% during 1994-95.

(c) The cars have been exported mainly to Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, Hungary, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Slovakia etc.

(d) The amount of foreign exchange earned by export of cars during the last three years is reported to be around US \$ 218.60 million.

#### **National Small Industries Corporation**

527. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has given financial assistance to some new units in Maharashtra during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps likely to be taken by the Government to encourage the activities of National Small Industries Corporation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Corporation has financed 25 new units during the year 1994-95 under its Hire Purchase, Equipment Leasing and Raw Materials Assistance Scheme.

(c) The Government of India is encouraging NSIC to take up various activities for the promotion and development of small scale industries in the country. Recently, NSIC has expanded its activities in Maharashtra. A temporary office has already been opened in Nagpur in July 95. Another temporary office is being opened in Pune shortly.

[English]

#### **Water Supply Scheme to Maharashtra**

528. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal regarding improving water supply system in various districts with the financial assistance of World Bank and some financial institutions of other countries;

(b) if so, the salient features of the above proposal and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to talk with the World Bank and the financial institutions in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has proposed to take up two schemes with World Bank assistance, viz., Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II (Phase-I) and Mid-Vaitarna (Bombay IV) Water Supply Project.

(b) The salient feature of the Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project Stage II (Phase-I) would cover Bhayandar Municipal Council area, Thane Municipal Corporation, Bhiwandi Municipal Council and surrounding villages, Kalyan Municipal Corporation area and Ulhas Nagar Municipal Council. The population to be covered under the proposed project is about 52 lakhs (1991 Census). In addition, it has been envisaged in the project to take up sewerage/low cost sanitation facilities in the project areas. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 863 crores.

The Mid-Vaitarna Water Supply Project is envisaged to meet the ever increasing demand of water and has been identified as the next dependable source of development. Under this project, a dam is proposed to be constructed on the Vaitarna river between the existing upper Vaitarna Dam and lower Vaitarna Dam. The project is estimated to cost about Rs. 570 crores.

(c) and (d). In the case of Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project - Stage-II (Phase-I), the State Government are yet to fulfill the pre-requisites like technical clearance, clearance from the funding angle and clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

In the case of Mid-Vaitarna (Bombay-IV) while clearance from the technical and funding angle has been received, but the State Government are yet to furnish some clarifications which has been sought from them.