

component and capital equipment has been reduced. For component industry, the duty or raw material, parts & semi-finished goods have been rationalised.

- k) The import policy has been rationalised with a view to increasing production.
- l) Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronics to improve productivity, equality, safety and quality of services.
- m) Various project have been initiated by the Technology Development Council, National Radar Council, National Micro-electronics Council and Electronic Materials Development Council (EMDC) with a view to promote innovation, product design and development and technology development which are all basic for the growth of a healthy electronics industry
- n) Various research centres and laboratories such as the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research, National Centre for Software Technology, Centre for Development of Telematics, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Technology, Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (CMET) for Development of Material and several Electronics Research and Development Centres have been setup to carry out R & D in well identified areas, which is also a measure for development self reliant industrial base.

Industrial Units Causing Pollution in Andhra Pradesh

8608. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of air and water pollution by industrial units in Andhra Pradesh which have come to the notice of Government during the last two years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) During the last two years the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board has identified 120 major polluting industrial units.

(b) Notices under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued against all the the 120 industrial units. Out of these directions for closure have been issued to 56 industrial units.

Polluted Ground Water

8609. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the Centre of Science and Environment, Delhi to find out the number of villages in the country where villagers have been adversely affected by the polluted ground water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) A preliminary study financed by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forests has been undertaken by the Centre