National Commission for Welfare of Scavengers

1271. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to constitute a National Commission for Scavenging Workers to look after the welfare of scavenging staff in the country;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constituted; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Ban on Recruitment in Public Sector Undertakings

1272. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any ban on recruitment in the public sector undertakings;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which fresh recruitment is likely to start in Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KA-MAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). No Sir. However, public sector undertakings have been instructed to exercise economy and restraint in expenditure and in the creation of new posts/filling up of vacancies.

Production Capacity of Ordnance Factories

1273. SHRI YUSUF BEG: SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production capacity of Ordnance Factories is steadily being reduced and is remaining unutilised during the past one year or so;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether as a result scope of work of employees and their promotional avenues have been adversely affected and there have been continuous and rising stagnation especially in the category of posts beginning from Supervisor (Tech.) to Foreman;
- (d) whether the management of most of the factories are getting their jobs completed with the resources of private trade; and
 - (e) if so, the facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJOY SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, consequent to reduced off-take by the services of certain established items workload in some factories has decreased. Attempts are being made to secure alternative load to the extent possible to engage the spare capacities.

- (c) No, Sir. Promotional avenues of employees from Supervisor (T) to Foreman are not affected.
- (d) and (e). With a view to optimising utilisation of the national industrial infrastructure and capacities available in the civil sector, some items/jobs are procured/executed