

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). During the period January, 1993 to October, 1994, approvals have been accorded to Rs. 19604.36 crores of foreign direct investment, including NRI investment. The Sectors where 50% or more foreign equity is involved are Metallurgical Industries, Electronic Equipments, Electronics, Hotel & Tourism related Industry, Industrial Machinery, Scientific Instruments, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing Industries, Power etc.

Small and Cottage Industries in Gujarat

1198. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of goods produced by the small and cottage industries in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons working in these industries at present;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the rapid development of this sector; and

(d) the amount provided to these industries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Fire at Kaiga Power Project

1199. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plywood used for packing in the centring work at the reactor number two at the Kaiga Nuclear Power Project caught fire on May 31, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is the second incident of fire at the Kaiga Power Project in the recent past;

(d) if so, when the first fire accident took place; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b). The plywood used for centring in Reactor Building-2 caught fire due to a welding spark. The fire, which was of a minor nature, was noticed at around 0310 hrs. on 31.5.94 and was extinguished within half an hour with the help of fire staff of Kaiga Project. There was no loss of life or property and no damage to any building structure.

(c) & (d) The fire incident on 31.5.94 was the first one inside the plant buildings under construction. However,

there were some very minor localised fire incidents outside the buildings, involving grass, cotton waste etc. These fires were extinguished immediately without any consequence.

(e) Kaiga Project is fully equipped with adequate fire fighting facility such as two fire tenders, fire fighting crew of about 40 personnel and other necessary fire equipment. All fire incidents including minor ones are analysed and preventive action is taken by the Committee constituted at the Kaiga Project for this purpose.

[Translation]

Firing on Indo-Pak Borders

1200. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL:

SHRI BRAHMANAD MANDAL:

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of firing by the Pakistan armed forces near the line of actual control in different parts of the country are increasing day-by-day during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of losses in terms of lives and property suffered as a result of each of the incidents during the above period;

(c) whether the farmers residing in the border areas are not able to cultivate due to such incidents;

(d) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Union Government to assist such farmers;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any protest against such firing has been lodged with Pakistan Government, and

(g) if so, the reaction of that Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e). Firing by Pakistani troops along the LOC in J&K is a regular feature. The number of such incidents remained generally consistent during the last six months. Adequate safety measures are taken by our troops to avoid casualties by Pakistani firing. There have been some casualties of civilians as well as our troops. At times such firings also affect the normal life of the people living in border areas.

(f) and (g) Government keeps a close watch on all such developments having bearing on our security and life of the populace in the border areas. Most of the incidents are discussed in flag meetings between corresponding field commanders of both the countries. Some are discussed during weekly telephonic conversation between DGMOs of India & Pakistan. In respect of very major incidents sometimes, the issue is taken up at diplomatic level.