

those manufacturing units for selecting the location of the units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHA-

MMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). Four major 2-wheeler manufacturers have been granted approvals for manufacture of motor cycles in collaboration with various Japanese companies as detailed below.

Name of the Indian company.	Name of the Japanese collaborator	Location
Bajaj Auto Ltd.	Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd.	Akurdi and Aurangabad. (Maharashtra)
Escorts Ltd.	Yamaha Motor Co. Ltd	Surajpur Indl. Area Dadri Distt. Gaziabad. (U. P.)
Hero Honda Motors Ltd.	Honda Motor Co. Ltd.	Dharuhera Distt. Mohindergarh (Haryana)
Ind-Suzuki Motor cycles Ltd.	Suzuki Motor Co.	Teh. Hosur Distt. Dharampuri (T.Nadu)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is for the manufacturers to decide on location of their factories in accordance with the declared locational policy of the Government.

United States Naval Base in Diego Garcia

1810. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the measure so far taken by Government for safeguarding the Western Coast;

(b) wheather in Indian Ocean, Diego Garcia has been made a naval base by the United States of America; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb the activities of United States of America in the Indian Ocean ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARSIMHA RAO) : (a) The Indian Navy is being constantly re-equipped, modernised and developed in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions. Similarly, the Indian Air Force have plans for the air defence of the area.

(b) It is reported that the United States has created considerable naval and other facilities at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

(c) Government of India have been in favour of the Indian Ocean being maintained as a zone of peace and have taken several diplomatic initiatives to this end.

Proposal to Equip every branch Post Office in rural areas with Public Call Office facilities

1811. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to equip each branch-post office in rural areas with Public Call Office facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). A long distance Public Telephone may be provided in a branch Post Office in case it is at a category station and is covered by the policy indicated in statement attached.

The Telephone facility may also be provided if the branch Post Office is/in a village identified as a principal village in a 5 Km-side hexagon.