

(c) the items which are proposed to be exported on a large scale ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c). India is not an arms exporting country. The defence production units are primarily engaged in the production of stores/equipment to meet the requirements of our Armed Forces. A few items are, however, exported because certain spare manufacturing capacity is available in some units.

Licensing Policy for Sugar Factories in Cooperative Sector

6572. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing licensing policy of Government with regard to the cooperative sugar factories in the country;

(b) whether any licence (s) for the State of Maharashtra are pending issuance for setting up cooperative sugar factories; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) According to the existing policy regarding licensing in the sugar industry, licences are to be given on a preferential basis to cooperative sector.

(b) and (c). Only one proposal for the establishment of a new sugar factory, namely, Parshuram Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Taluka-Chiplun District Ratnagiri is pending for the reason that a final view is yet to be taken on the cane availability and the techno-economic feasibility of the project.

Licensed Capacity of Polyester Filament Yarn

6573. SHRI DEBI GHOSAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the present licensed capacity of polyester filament yarn in the country;

(b) whether it is Government's Policy to give additional capacities only to the companies like Reliance Textiles, who have a virtual monopoly of this product, or whether Government propose to give licences to other companies with proven tract records in products other than polyester filament yarn; and

(c) whether Government propose to give licences for large capacities or permit small capacities to new entrants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The present total approved capacity for manufacture of polyester filament yarn is about 65,700 tonnes per annum.

(b) and (c). The creation of additional capacity for polyester filament yarn is considered on merits at the appropriate time having regard to all factors including viable size of unit.

Sick Units for Private Entrepreneurs

6574. SHRI DEBI GHOSAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are willing to handover sick and closed industrial units to private entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, what incentives and or concession are likely to be offered by Government to induce private entrepreneurs to take over sick and closed units; and

(c) the policy of Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). Private entrepreneurs can take over a sick or closed undertaking through amalgamation with healthy units, or by purchase of assets either from the existing owners, or, if a winding up