

(e) if no decision has been taken so far, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. State Trading Corporation had some problems in procuring 6 APA but these have since been resolved.

(c) 4 companies applied for foreign collaboration.

(d) and (e) Foreign collaboration proposals/agreements from 3 Indian companies have been approved/taken on record for the manufacture of 6 APA.

Taking over of School at Duliajan Assam

2229. **SHRI C. P. THAKUR :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil India Ltd. has partially taken over a school at Duliajan, Assam ;

(b) if so, the reason for not taking over the school completely ; and

(c) when the school is proposed to be taken over completely ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Losses in Cycle Corporation of India

2230. **SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI :**
DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cycle Corporation of India has been running in losses since nationalisation ;

(b) whether the workers' unions have submitted representations suggesting actions that would make the company viable ;

(c) if so, the details of the suggestions ; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The main suggestions made by the Trade unions related to induction of a strong management, better material management and inventory control, optimum utilisation of machinery, procurement of quality materials, avoidance of waste, proper utilization of Government financial assistance, introduction of proper purchase procedures, improvement of human relations with the workers, proper control over stores and spares, improvement of industrial and economic management, optimum utilization of ancillaries divisions at Kalyani and doing away with the system of forming out components, reorientation of marketing division etc. Government have taken note of all these points. Since the undertaking has to complete with better organised units in the private sectors with wage levels which are almost $2\frac{1}{2}$ times Lower the new Chairman and Managing Director of the Corporation is appraising various measures to improve the economic viability of this undertaking.

Supply of defective Bucket Wheel Excavators by M.A.N. West Germany to Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited

2231. **SHRI V. VENKATESH :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited had procured two Bucket Wheel Excavators from M. A. N. West Germany during the year 1984-85 ;

(b) whether these Excavators broke down due to defective design and killed a number of workers during the year ;

(c) if so, the facts thereof.