

process and reaction of Government to the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuous process. Since January 1, 1984, 34 items (including 3 sub-items) have been dereserved, nomenclature has been changed in respect of 34 items and 9 new items have been added to the list of reserved items.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Proposals for reservation/dereservation or change in nomenclature of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector are considered by the *Advisory Committee on Reservation set up under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act*. The Committee works within the frame-work of criteria laid down for the purpose and makes recommendations to the Government. Among other things, the following criteria are taken into account while considering dereservation of items :—

1. Industries where large imports are being allowed and/or where large scale smuggling may be taking place
2. Industries in high technology areas or those requiring greater impetus for promoting exports which should necessarily be of large size in order to reduce costs and be competitive internationally.
3. Industries where because of constraints in size, the small scale sector is unable to ensure quality production and cannot induct modern technology.

The decisions are taken by the Govern-

ment on the merits of each case keeping in view the interests of the small scale sector and the overall interest of the economy.

#### **Management of Research and Development Resources in Cement Industry**

8322 SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of serious deficiencies in the management of Research and Development resources both in public and private sectors so far as National Council for Cement and Building Materials is concerned;

(b) if so, the deficiencies noticed; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted/suggested to plug the loop-holes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The Research and Development Resources of the Public and Private Sector Units are managed by the respective units. As regards National Council for Cement and Building Materials, no such serious deficiency has been noticed by the Government

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

#### **Demand for Overseas Telecommunications**

8323 SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether demand for overseas telecommunications has increased and if so, the growth of demand during the last two years as compared to 1984-85.

(b) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam has been coping with the demand satisfactorily; and

(c) the measures adopted or proposed to be adopted to satisfy the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir The demand for overseas telephone calls rose by 20% in 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85 and 20% in 1986-87 The demand for telex service has grown by 11.6% in 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85 and 10% in 1986-87. The telegraph service has shown a world-wide declining trend due to new and better technologies providing speedier and more efficient communications like telex and data communication services etc being available.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The number of circuits to cope with growing demand has increased from 864 in 1984-85 to 1090 in 1986-87 for telephone and from 946 in 1984-85 to 1124 in 1986-87 for telex In order to meet the expected growth in traffic in future Videsh Sanchar Nigam have acted on a number of plans viz. augmentation of international telephone exchange capacity at Bombay, New Delhi and Madras, INDIA-UAE Submarine Telephone Cable Project with 1380 speech-band circuit, a digital microwave link between Bombay and Vikram Satellite Earth Station at Arvi to provide 960 additional channels. All these are planned to be completed during the current year. Besides these, International Subscriber Dialed Telephone facility is planned to be opened with most countries in the world by the end of this Plan period and an Earth Station Segment for Atlantic Ocean Satellite to work with USA direct is also planned.

#### **Refund of Deposit after Cancellation of Booking**

8324. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is inordinate delay by two-wheeler manufacturers in refunding deposits after cancellation of booking; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for timely refund of deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). There are instances of delay in refunding the deposit money of customers Government have issued guidelines to all automobile manufacturers advising them to arrange early refund of deposits. Government have also taken up with manufacturers the complaints received in individual cases.

#### **Setting up of Sugar Factories in Karnataka**

8325 SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters of intent/industrial licences for setting up of sugar factories in Karnataka issued during the last three years; and

(b) the places where such factories are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Two letters of Intent were issued for setting up of sugar factories in Karnataka during the last 3 years These factories are proposed to be set up at the following places —

(i) Tehsil Aland, Distt Gulburga

(ii) Tehsil & Distt Bijapur

#### **Import of Power Plants**

8326 SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been importing power plants;

(b) if so, since when and the total capacity of power plants to be imported during the Seventh Five Year Plan: