Manufacture of Sprinkler Sets

9404. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of companies in the country have been granted licences to manufacture sprinkler sets, etc.;
- (b) if so, the names of the firms granted licences and are manufacturing sprinkler sets in the country;
- (c) whether there is any quality control and price check on these manufacturers; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DE-PARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). There are only two units in the organised sector manufacturing sprinkler irrigation equipments namely, M/s. Premier Irrigation and Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta and M/s. Jindal Aluminium Ltd., Bangalore. These two units are registered with DGTD.

(c) and (d). Government have not issued any order regarding quality or price control in respect of this item.

Oil and Gas Deposits in Rajasthan and **Arunachal Pradesh**

9405. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATU-RAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large deposits of oil and natural gas have been found in Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the areas surveyed in the above States; and
- (c) the details of the oil and natural gas deposits found in the above States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-**ISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c). ONGC have discovered two gas fields at Manhera Tibba and Ghotaru in Rajasthan. The total estimated reserves of gas in Rajasthan is about 1381 million cubic metres.

In Arunachal Pradesh, crude oil has been discovered at Kumchai and Kharsang structures by Oil India Limited. The Kumchai structure is still under delieation. The geological reserves of crude oil established in Arunachal Pradesh, excluding Kumchai, is about 15 million tonnes.

Geophysical surveys have been carried out by ONGC in Jaisalmer and Bikaner-Nagaur in Rajasthan. Oil India Limited have also carried out seismic surveys in Jaisalmer and Bikaner districts of Rajasthan. Arunachal Pradesh, seismic surveys have been carried out in Kharsang and Kumchai by Oil India Limited. In addition, seismic surveys have also been carried out in adjacent areas of Kharsang, Kumchai, Jairampur, Shonking, Pasighat and Bordumsa.

[Translation]

Filling up of Non-gazetted Posts in KVIC

9406. SHRIMATI VIDYAVATI CHATUR-VEDI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the nongazetted posts, which had fallen vacant in Khadi and Village Industries Commission and its sales centres, etc. have lapsed due to not taking any action in time to fill them up; and
- (b) if so, the action being taken by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the revival of the lapsed posts so that these posts may be filled up at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DE-PARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The vacant Non-gazetted posts under the regular establishment of Khadi and Village Industries Commission have not lapsed due to not taking timely action to fill them. However, some temporary posts in the Departmental Khadi Gramodyog Bhavans and Vastragars of Khadi & Village Industries Commission have lapsed because of being vacant for a period of more than six months.

(b) In so far as regular establishment of Khadi & Village Industries Commission is concerned, this does not arise.

As regards trading establishment, revival posts Departmental of vacant in Gramodyog Bhawans and Departmental Vastragars is considered every year, keeping in view the need and economic viability of the units.

[English]

Allocation of Molasses to Orissa

9407. SHRI CHINTAMANI IENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State of Orissa is facing acute shortage of molasses;
- (b) the quantity of molasses reserved for cattlefeed units out of the total internal production of the State and whether it will be sufficient to meet their requirements;
- (c) whether any proposal to step up the allocation of molasses to Orissa is under consideration of Union Government: and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d). At the meeting of the Central Molasses Board held on 4th February, 1988, the Orissa State Govt. Indicated the total requirement of molasses for the current year (Dec., 87-- Nov., 88) at 35,000 tonnes including for cattle feed manufacturing units. Against this the local la da da bility was indicated as Midney, showing a short fall of 13,000 'Tonnes. Inter-State allocation for supply of 6,000 Tonnes of molasses to Orissa, primarily for cattle feed manufacturing purposes has already been made during the first half of the current alcohol year. This would be in addition to the unlifted quantities against the allocations made in the last year which are also valid for delivery. Any further quantities needed for cattle feed purpose will also be allotted by the Government of India.

Promotion of Bee Keeping

9408. SHRIMATI IAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have introduced any scheme to promote bee keeping in the States, particularly in the tribal area;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance extended to different States for the purpose during the last three years; and
- (c) if not, whether any such central scheme is proposed to be sponsored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DE-PARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). Khadi and Village Industries programmes including the development of bee keeping are being implemented in all the states and also in hill, border and tribal areas of the various states which benefit the tribal and other weaker sections inhabiting these areas. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides financial assistance on concessional terms and technical guidance for the development of bee keeping industry to State Khadi and Village Industries Boards, registered institutions and bee For hill, border. keepers cooperatives. tribal and drought prone areas liberalised pattern of assistance is provided by KVIC. Details regarding nature of assistance for development of bee keeping are given below in Statement L.

The financial assistance extended to different states in the country for promotion of bee keeping industry under KVIC during the last three years is as follows:--