

### **American Joint Venture with Balmer Lawrie for Manufacturing Containers**

2623. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Balmer Lawrie and Company Ltd. propose to set up a joint venture with an American company for manufacturing containers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms of the joint venture agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) No, Sir,

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

### **BHEL's dues on State Electricity Boards**

2624. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Electricity Boards still owe large sums to the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to collect these dues?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As on 9.3.1989 the State Electricity Boards owe approximately Rs. 305 crores to BHEL.

(c) BHEL is in constant touch with the concerned State Electricity Boards for re-

covery of the dues.

### **Use of Plastic Products in Rural Areas**

2625. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will The Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plastic industry has done any market survey for its products in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether plastic products are being designed for use in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Indian petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) and National Committee on the Use of Plastics in Agriculture (NCPA) have conducted specific studies for plasticulture development programme where plastics can be used for agriculture purposes like use of LDPE film in canals, ponds, drip irrigation, green houses, etc.

(b) and (c). Many of plastic goods like mugs, water bottles, pipes, ropes, mosquito nets, fishing nets, thick films as barrier for rain water, etc. Are being widely used in rural areas. Plasticulture Development Centres being set up in various parts of the country, shall help in growth of plastic products in areas of drip irrigation, green houses and water management. Attempts are also being made by plastic industry and IPCL to design specific plastic products suitable for use in rural area.

### **Production of Immunoglobulin**

2626. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will The Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian drug firms are pro-