

(b) While the demand for Micrometers, the item of manufacture of M/s. Mysore Tools Limited is partly met from imports, it is not possible to indicate the increase in outgo in foreign exchange, if any, on the import of micrometers consequent on the closure of this company as there are other indigenous manufacturers for this item.

Government has not been approached either by the State Government, management or the employees of the company seeking its assistance in the matter of reopening of the factory. The question of Government taking any steps to have the factory reopened therefore, does not arise.

Target of Installed Power-Generation Capacity

1329. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the target of installed power generation capacity in the Fifth Plan;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) steps, if any, being taken to make up the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). In 1976, the Fifth Plan was finalised and a capacity of around 12,500 MW was envisaged for being installed. Till 1976-77 a total of 5232 MW has already been installed and it is expected that after completion of on-going schemes in the last two years of the Fifth Plan, a shortfall of around 900 MW may occur.

(c) Close monitoring of the construction of projects is being undertaken through monitoring agencies in the States as well as in the Central Electricity Authority. This will assist in better performance in achieving targets for commissioning of new capacity.

Reviving of Press Council

1330. SHRI S. C. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revive the Press Council; and

(b) if so, whether there will be any change in the composition and functioning of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are being worked out

Creation of a Ministry for Consumer Goods and Light Industry

1331. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to create a Ministry for consumer goods and light industry to ensure meeting peoples demand for these articles; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure Incurred on Research in Atomic Energy during 1976-77

1332. SHRI P. RAJGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether research is being done in atomic energy; and

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred on it during 1976-77?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes Sir.