

unit size, complexity and in the work content. Hence turnover in terms of volume is not applicable.

(b) In view of what is stated under (a) above i.e. variation in unit size complexity and work content of the products of the Public Sector Undertakings it is extremely difficult to indicate capacity utilisation in absolute terms. However, the performance of the Units in relation to the targets fixed for the year which take into account their constraints and order book position is indicated in the statement (Annexure I), laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-479/77].

(c) During the year 1976-77, the production was Rs. 828.78 crores as against the target of Rs. 852.01 crores, leaving a shortfall of Rs. 23.23 crores. The main reasons which contributed to the shortfall in production were power cut, non-availability, in time, of imported and indigenous components, paucity of funds and inadequate demand.

2. A statement (Annexure II) containing figures of production for 1975-76 and 1976-77 in respect of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Deptt. of Industrial Development is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-479/77]. It will appear from this Annexure that quantum of production achieved during the year was of the value of Rs. 122.80 crores as compared to Rs. 98.45 crores achieved during the year 1975-76. Though, by and large, production in general has been higher compared to last year, in a few cases, turnover was slightly lower. This is due to certain unavoidable circumstances, like power cut, lack of orders, etc.

Orders for Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

1454. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the order book position of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. as on 1st April, 1977;

(b) the value of the orders on hand and the approximate time in which they will be completed; and

(c) the steps taken to secure more orders in order to keep this undertaking busy at the present capacity utilisation after completion of the above orders

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): (a) and (b). The total value of orders with BHEL, as a whole as on 1-4-1977 was worth Rs. 1178 crores. At the current rate of production, it would take little over two years to complete most of the orders but even at present there is paucity of orders for some of the products such as 110 & 120 MW Thermal Generating Sets.

(c) To overcome this situation all out efforts are being made to secure more orders for BHEL. As a result thereof, orders for 2820 MW for thermal sets were placed on BHEL in 1976-77. Allocation of more resources for power generation schemes are being pressed for so that the country does not suffer from power shortages and BHEL may get fresh orders. Simultaneously BHEL have also undertaken product rationalization of diversification programme. For instance the BHEL, Ramachandrapuram plant where 110 MW Sets are being produced has now taken up the manufacture of industrial turbines and compressors and certain items of oil drilling rigs. Moreover, Government are extending all assistance to BHEL in its aggressive export drive to secure orders from other countries. BHEL have succeeded in securing, recently, major export orders from New Zealand (ten hydro-generators), Malaysia (three boilers), Libya (complete power plant comprising of 2X120 thermal turbo sets) and Saudi Arabia (five alternators along with transformers, switchgears etc.)