

In terms of Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956 of the Government of India, exploitation of scheduled minerals available in the country under the Atomic Energy (Control of Production and Use) Order, 1953, which includes ilmenite, is reserved for State; Thus, no private parties are allowed to mine or export the minerals.

Applications to set up industries in Towns with less than five lakhs population

2061. SHRI MOHD. HAYAT ALI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for issue of Industrial licences to units proposing to set up Industries in towns with less than five lakhs population received from March, 1977;

(b) how many have been granted permission and how many are pending for consideration; and

(c) when the decision on all the applications will be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c). Statistics on industrial licensing applications are maintained on statewise basic. Generally, transfer of location within the same state is also being agreed to on a liberal basis if the State Government agrees and there are no objections from the techno-economic angle. Specific information regarding applications for units proposed to be set up in towns with less than 5 lakhs populations is not maintained centrally. However, during the period from 1st March, 1977 to 31st October, 1977, a total number of 794 applications for industrial licences were received. Out of these applications, 138 have been approved, 103 rejected and 77 otherwise disposed of (Licence not required/exempted from licensing provisions, applications treated as withdrawn/cancelled/closed etc.). The remaining applications are

at various stages of consideration and every effort is being made to dispose of the pending applications as expeditiously as possible.

Progress in making India's first 400-KV Class Transformer by B.H.E.L. Industry

2062. SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the manufacture of India's First 400-KV Class Transformer by B.H.E.L.; and

(b) whether this has foreign export Potential?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) BHEL has successfully manufactured the first 400 KV 240 MVA transformer for the Obra Thermal Power Station in U.P. in March, 1977 and a second unit was successfully tested in September, 1977. They plan to produce about five 400 KV class transformers during the current year.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

सीमेंट का उत्पादन, मांग और निर्यात

2063. श्री नटवर लाल बी० परमार : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय सीमेंट का उत्पादन तथा मांग कितनी है और कितनी मात्रा में इसका निर्यात हो रहा है; और

(ख) उत्पादन बढ़ाने तथा सीमेंट की किस्म में सुधार करने के लिये किये गये खोज तथा अनुसंधान कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?