

Gun Factory Unearthed

437. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news appearing in 'Hindustan Times' dated 26th May, 1980, that a gun factory has been unearthed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and the same will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

Indo-Italy Agreement for Cooperation and Technology

438. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indo-Italy agreement has been signed for programme of Cooperation and Technology in April, 1980; and

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) A Programme of Cooperation between India and Italy in the fields of Science and Technology for the years 1980 to 1982 was signed in New Delhi on 29th April, 1980. The Programme is in pursuance of the Inter-governmental Agreement on Science and Technology concluded in 1978.

(b) The Programme identifies areas in which India and Italy will explore possibilities of cooperation. These are Polymers research seismology and seismic engineering, automotive engines, hydrology and water resources management, solar energy, metal-

lurgy, biological sciences and bio-chemistry, medical sciences, agricultural sciences telecommunications research, bioengineering, remote sensing and computer sciences. Institutions in India and Italy which will participate in this cooperation have also been identified in several of these areas.

Production and Investment in W.B. Scooters

439. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when did the West Bengal Scooters Ltd. located at Nimpura, Kharagpur, Distt. Midnapur West Bengal start production;

(b) what were the targets of production year-wise and what were the real production year-wise;

(c) what has been the investment from the public sector and the private sector in the company;

(d) whether there is a deadlock or serious decline in production; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) to (e) West Bengal Scooters Limited, is a Joint sector project of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corpn. Ltd. The Central Government has made no investment in the unit. The licensed capacity of the company is 30,000 scooters per annum. It is reported that the firm produced/assembled 7 scooters during 1976 and 610 scooters during 1977-78. No production has been reported thereafter.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

440. SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the quantum of pension of freedom fighters;