

IITs etc. so as to develop new products/technologies not covered by such foreign know-how purchases. A significant proportion of this domestic technology development effort, is planned, promoted and financed by the Department of Electronics, either directly or indirectly. The objective of all such efforts is technological self reliance in strategic and key sectors and ensuring that the country keeps pace with technological developments abroad in those other areas of electronics which are relevant to our needs.

Permission to H.M.T. for setting up a Dairy Equipment Manufacturing Units in Tiruchirapalli

6071. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are permitting Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. to set up a Dairy Equipment Manufacturing Units at Tiruchirapalli;

(b) whether Government are aware that the BHEL small scale units numbering 120 with 6000 workers are utilising only 40 per cent of their capacity owing to negligible supply of raw materials to these units by BHEL; and

(c) if so, whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to permit the 120 BHEL small scale units to form themselves as Industrial Production Cooperative Society to manufacture Dairy Equipments as per their request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Government have approved HMT's project for the manufacture of dairy machinery at Aurangabad (Maharashtra).

(b) Yes Sir. BHEL have, however, reported that the temporary set back in capacity utilisation of these units due to inadequate availability of steel is being set right by import of steel

materials through SAIL and directly by BHEL.

(c) HMT's project involves manufacture of specialised machinery requiring sophisticated technology and excludes items reserved for small scale sector. The project would actually encourage development of ancillaries. BHEL small scale units have not been precluded from executing non-BHEL work and are free to diversify including in the field of dairy equipment, if they so desire.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant in Tamil Nadu

6072. SHRI S. SINGARVADIVAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up one more Atomic Energy Plant in Tamil Nadu considering the power shortage and the difficulties experienced in the Hydro and Thermal Power Plants in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether it will be done shortly?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Atomic Power Stations

6073. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up two more atomic power stations in the country; and

(b) if so, the places where these will be set up and details of the expenditure thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). Government is considering a programme to set up some more atomic power plants during the Five Year Plan 1980-85. Details of the programme are being worked out.