the designs of the medium and large sector; and

(c) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The letter of intent issued on 30-12-78 for setting up a unit in the organised sector precluded it from manufacturing Graphite Crucibles of the types and Sizes reserved for the small scale sector. This is considered to be enough safeguard against any encroachment by the unit in the organised sector in an area reserved for the small scale sector.

Retirement benefits to Employees of Corporation of Madras

3281. SHRI K. B. S. MANI; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retirement benefits for the retired/retrenched employees of Corporation of Madras under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme have not been settled by the Office of E.P.F. Madars,

- (b) if so, how many such cases are pending and for how long; and
- (c) the type of cases which are pending and the details thereof and when the same will be finalised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. VENKATA REDDY): The Employees' Provident Fund authorities have reported as under:

- (a) Some such claims, received mainly from August, 1980 onwards, still remain to be settled by the Regional Office of the Employees' Provident Fund at Madras.
- (b) As on 11-11-1980, 199 claims were pending. Duration of pendency of these claims is given below:

Less than one month	One month to two months	2 months to 3 months	3 months to 4 months	6 months to 7 months
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(c) The details and type of pending cases is given below:

Type of cases	No. of cases pending
(i) Claims in Form 19 received from the members wh	d
have retired or have been	
promoted to establishment	
service	. 71
(ii) Claims in Form 20 received from 10 ral heirs/nomined	s
of the discused members	128
Total	. 199

The Central Provident Fund Commissioner has been directed to ensure expeditious disposal of these cases.

Development of a new method for manufacture of Titanium Alloy products

3282. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian scientists have developed a new method for manufacture of titanium alloy products that would help conserve this costly and strategic material; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b). Indian Scientists have developed techniques for producing Titanium Alloy components which does not waste