

(b) whether there is any difference in the purity and value of the Indian Salt vis-a-vis rock salt imported from Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Steps taken to adopt improved technology in Salt production to improve its yield and quality are:—

- (i) rendering advice to Salt manufacturers in regarding scientific layout of salt works;
- (ii) providing technical assistance to Salt manufacturers for survey of potential areas of salt manufacture and in preparation of layout plans of Salt works;
- (iii) spot supervision of alignment/re-alignment of salt works;
- (iv) undertaking analysis of samples of Soil brine, salt and bitters and advising salt manufacturers on process control;
- (v) use of polythene sheets to cut down wastages during manufacture and storage of salt; and use of polythene bags for package in place of jute bags to cut down transit losses.

(b) Due to variation in composition, the Rock salt imported from Pakistan is purer than sea/lake salt manufactured in India. The retail price of the imported Rock salt is Rs. 2 per Kg as compared to the average price of 60 paise per kg. of Indian salt.

Licences for Razor Blade Industry

2577. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether his ministry has decided to throw open the razor blade industry for new licences;

(b) whether a number of large business houses are interested in entering the field and some of them have already tied up with some inter-national manufacturers for technical collaboration; and

(c) if so, the names of these houses and the international/razor/blade cartel or firms with whom they propose to collaborate and on what terms and conditions equity capitals export of the finished product and repatriation of royalty and profits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Proposals for additional capacity for the manufacture of a safety razor blades were being considered on merits in the context of the approved capacity not materialising and also keeping in view the need for increased availability of quality blades. This policy continues to be in force.

(b) and (c). An Industrial licence has been granted in January 1980 to M/s. Karnataka Blades Limited for the setting up of a new unit for manufacture of safety razor blades as a joint sector project undertaken by the Karnataka State Industrial & Investment Development Corporation Limited along with Asian Cables Corporation Limited. Foreign technical collaboration with M/s Wilkinson Sword Limited, U.K. on payment of lump-sum and royalty has also been approved for this project.

A letter of intent has been issued to Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corpn. Limited for the setting up of a new unit for the manufacture of safety razor blades at Medak in the State of Andhra Pradesh. This proposal entails foreign collaboration and the collaboration proposals are awaited from the applicant.

Messrs House of Poddar Enterprises, Calcutta have filed a composite application for the grant of an Industrial Licence for a new unit at Alwar (Rajasthan) for the manufacture of Stainless Steel Razor Blades and for foreign collaboration with Messrs Gillette of USA involving technical collaboration and financial participation. This application is under process and no final decision in the matter has yet been taken.

Organisations receiving Funds from Foreign Countries

2578. SHRI BHIKHU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the following organisations have been and are receiving funds from foreign countries viz. (i) Institute for Social Change and Social Studies (now called J.P. Insti-

tute for Social Change & Social Studies) Calcutta, (ii) Rayal-seema Vikas Parishad Tirupati, and (iii) A I an Institute for Rural Development, Bangalore;

(b) if so, how much money has been received by each of these institutions; and

(c) whether the leading members of these institutions are also office bearers of Gandhi Peace Foundation and Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD)?

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

(a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) A list showing the office bearer of these organisations Gandhi Peace Foundation and Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD) is attached.

statement

The amount of Foreign Contribution received by these Associations during the years 1978, 1979 & 1980.

S.No.	Name of Associations	Amount received in (Rupees)			Remarks.
		1978	1979	1980	
1.	Institute of Social change and Social Welfare, Calcutta.	34,050	40,800	2,09,877	
2.	Rayalaseema Vikas Parishad, Tirupati.	Does not figures on the records of this Ministry.
3.	Asian Institute for Rural Development, Bangalore.	88,360	4,40,856	20,95,617	