

(Salem District) under the aegis of the National Industrial Development Corporation.

In addition, provision of Rs. 12.19 crores has also been made in the State Plan for the development of Village and Small Scale Industries in the State during the whole of the Second Plan period. Financial assistance to most of the Schemes so far proposed by the State Government within this provision has been sanctioned in the form of both grants and loans.

#### Commercial Blasting Explosives

1088. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign firms with which the Government of India have entered into agreements for the production of commercial blasting explosives;

(b) whether there is any such factory in the South similar to the one established in Bihar with the collaboration of Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd.; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal for the establishment of a similar factory in the South?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Only one

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

#### Radio-Active Rain in Kashmir

1089. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**  
**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to the reported statement by Kashmir Government's Director of Fisheries that a large number of fish in Kashmir's springs and lakes have been found dead or dying owing to radio-activity;

(b) if so, what is the extent and source of this pollution; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take for protection from this menace?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The radioactivity reported by non-official scientists in Kashmir is certainly not sufficient to cause the death of fish. The Department is not aware of any other measurements of radioactivity in Kashmir. Nor has the Director of Fisheries, Kashmir, indicated how he measured the radioactivity of the fish or how he came to the conclusion that radioactivity was responsible for their death. Government are awaiting a detailed report from the State Government. Samples of the affected fish are being obtained and necessary investigations will be carried out. Until the results of these investigations are known, it is not possible to express any definite opinion on whether the fish were killed by radioactivity.

#### Penicillin

1090. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of penicillin manufactured annually in India; and

(b) the quantity produced during 1957 so far?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The Penicillin factory at Pimpri is the only manufacturing unit in the country. It produced 14.12 million mega units in the year 1956, which is the factory's first complete production year.

(b) 11.90 million mega units upto 31st July, 1957.

#### Illegal Entry of Pakistanis

1091. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who crossed the border between Punjab and the West Pakistan without passports during 1957 so far;