

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the 1963 Indo-US agreement for cooperation concerning the civil uses of atomic energy, the US Government, in our view, have an obligation to permit the supply of spare parts for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station.

Renewal of Licence for Coir Industry, Ammandivilai

4748. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether renewal of licence for the biggest Coir factory at Ammandivilai in Kanya Kumari District, Tamil Nadu has not been issued; and

(b) the reasons for delay in issuing the renewal of registration and licence ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) and (b) Government have conveyed their decision to the Coir Board for renewal of registration of the factory at Ammandivilai.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

4749. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) at what stage is the progress of Vijayanagar Steel Project (Karnataka); and

(b) whether Government will give a schedule to complete the project early ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) and (b) Studies are in progress to determine the most cost effective technology, product-mix etc. for this project; the schedule will be available only after these studies have been completed and examined.

Hungary Offers Equity Tie-up

4750. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hungary has offered equity tie-up with India, as published in the "Business Standard" dated 13 July, 1983;

(b) if so, the names and status of the leader and other members of Indian delegation who visited Hungary in this connection, and outcome of discussions held with Hungarian counterparts;

(c) the details of the project for which Hungary has agreed to provide necessary assistance to India including technology and other know-how;

(d) what will be the expected production capacity of the plant/project, location thereof and the names of the countries to which the produce will be exported and on what terms; and

(e) whether assistance from other developed nations viz. USA, UK, France, West Germany etc was sought, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) to (e) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rich Marble Deposits in Jammu and Kashmir

4751. SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Jammu and Kashmir is rich in marble deposits;

(b) whether any investigations have been made in the State and if so, the findings of these investigations;