

(c) the expected time of its completion; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the construction of the above project?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) :** (a) to (d) A Letter of Intent was granted to M/s. Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd., Bhubaneswar on 30th December, 1978 for the manufacture of Ferro Vanadium and Low Phosphorous pig iron in a new undertaking to be set up in Rairangpur, Distt Mayurbhanj in the State of Orissa. This Letter of Intent had been treated as lapsed as the Corporation failed to take effective steps for its implementation. The Corporation was informed accordingly on 3rd Jan. 84 and was instructed not to take further action for the setting up of the capacity covered by the above Letter of Intent.

#### Unemployment Among Foreign Qualified Indian Talents

2600. **SHRI A.K. ROY :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any estimate about the number of foreign qualified Scientists, Technicians, Engineers, Mining experts unemployed in the country as on 1 April, 1984, if so, facts in details;

(b) whether any special register is maintained for them; and

(c) steps taken to find some assignment in the country to utilise their expertise—facts in details?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) :** (a) and (b) Scientists, Technicians, Engineers, Mining experts etc. who have foreign qualifications and are desirous of working in the country are generally able to find employment. No record of scientists seeking employment in the country is maintained.

(c) A number of measures have been taken which provide opportunity to Science and Technology personnel to find gainful employment. Allocation for science and technology has been substantially increased. Sophisticated instruments are being provided through the mechanism of Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centres. Research projects in identified thrust areas as well as other areas are funded. Opportunities are provided to young scientists to pursue their research interests independently. Financial assistance is given to scientists for participation in national and international seminars. Shortterm placement of scientists is available to enable them to find suitable regular assignment. Incentives are provided to encourage in-house research in industrial units.

#### Investigation into Murder of Indian Diplomat

2601. **SHRI K. MALLANNA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the investigations are over or still continuing by the British Government regarding kidnapping and murder of an Indian Diplomat Shri Mhatre, in February last;

(b) whether the four persons who are said to have fled from Britain have reached Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details in the regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) The investigation has been completed and a case of murder and kidnapping has been registered against six persons in Birmingham. The accused were chargesheeted and committal proceedings by the Magistrate's Court were completed on July 23, 1984. All the six accused have been committed to the Crown Court for trial.

(b) According to the information available with us, 3 more persons who