

of SCL engineers by Rockwell relating to: circuit design mask making, wafer processing, device assembly, testing, quality and reliability assurance and application.

The Agreement is for 8 years and provides for exclusive licence to manufacture the licenced products. There is a provision for sharing of improvements in product specifications design and manufacturing during the term of the Agreement. It also provides for the licensing by Rockwell to SCL at SCL's option of additional LSI circuits like Peripheral Interface Adaptor (PIA) type R 6520 CRT Controller Type R 6545, ROM, RAM Input/Output Timer R 6530 and R 6531.

Manufacturing of Hindi Computers

4118. SHRI N.E. HORO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the manufacturing of Hindi Computers have also been started in India;

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress in this regard;

(c) whether these computers are on sale in the market, and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the price of one computer, its capacity, etc. *vis-a-vis* the English computer ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) and (b) Computerised-typewriters or 'Word Processors' which accept input data in Hindi (Deva nagri Script) script and produce output data in the same script are at present being manufactured by M/s. DCM Data Products, Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The price of the Word Processor being marketed by M/s. DCM Data

Products Delhi, varies from about Rs. 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh depending upon its capacity. The price of an equivalent computer system with input/output data in English (Roman Script) will be about the same.

The minimum configuration of the DCM computer includes the following :

CPU 32 K bytes of user memory, bilingual

keyboard (Hindi & English), one floppy

drive with controller, visual display unit and 80 cps dot matrix printer.

The largest configuration includes the following :

CPU 32 K bytes of user memory, bilingual keyboard (Hindi & English), 4 floppy drives with controller, 2 magnetic tape drives with controller and 200 cps dot matrix printer.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन

4119. श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कुछ स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन के रूप में प्रति माह 500/- रुपए दे रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त 500/- रुपए प्रति माह की पेंशन पाने वाले स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० बेंकटसुब्बय्या) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) जिन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को स्वतंत्रता सैनिक सम्मान पेंशन योजना के अन्तर्गत 500 रु० प्रतिमाह की बढ़ी हुई

दरों पर पेंशन स्वीकृत की गयी है, उनके संबंध में कोई अलग प्रभिलेख नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

Setting UP of a Contop Smelter by Department of Mines

4120. SHRI A R. MALLU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether department of mines proposes to set up a 'contop smelter' by utilising the latest technology of Hindustan Copper, Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P SALVE) : (a) and (b) Hindustan Copper Limited, a public sector undertaking under the Department of Mines has prepared a feasibility report for setting up a 'contop smelter' at khetri Copper Complex, based on the smelting technology of M/s KHD Humboldt Wedag, West Germany. 'Contop Smelter' would be in the nature of a facility for conversion of copper reverts into saleable copper. The proposal involves capital expenditure of Rs. 16.32 crores. Investment decision on the proposal is yet to be taken.

Closure of Mandovi Pellets Goa

4121 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
SHRI R N RAKESH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s. Mandovi Pellets, Goa is on the verge of being closed down ;

(b) if so, reasons thereof ;

(c) total volume of investment, public and private, and number of workers employed ;

(d) whether the workers' union has submitted specific proposals to save the plant by diversifying its production ; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P SALVE) : (a) and (b) Mandovi Pellets Limited, a joint sector plant which was set up as a 100% export oriented unit for the production of Blast Furnace grade pellets commenced production in 1979. The plant was faced with three principal problems in its operations ; the fall in pellet prices abroad, hike in prices in furnace oil and power problems. On account of these problems, its operation became unviable and the plant closed down in April, 1981, after getting Government approval.

(c) The total volume of investment of public sector in Mandovi Pellets Limited is 587.95 lakhs and the investment of private sector and general public is Rs. 377.0 lakhs. The total number of workers employed in Mandovi Pellets Limited is 361.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) With a view to assess whether re-opening of the plant is viable, MECON, a public sector consultancy organisation in the Department of Steel was directed to undertake a study. The study has brought out that with the present low prices of pellets in the international market, re-opening of this plant will not at this stage be an economically viable proposition. Studies have also been made as to whether by using coal in place of furnace oil, this plant could be made viable. This study has shown that even with 100% conversion to coal, the re-opening of the plant would not be economically viable at the present level of prices of Blast Furnace Grade, Pellets. On technical considerations, it is not possible to readily convert this plant to a pig iron or sponge iron plant