

Concessions and Incentives to Small Investors in Industries

2371. **Shri P. C. Boroah:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently drawn out new schemes of offering concessions and incentives to the small investors in industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons necessitating such new concessions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Hindustan Machine Tools

2373. **Shri Tan Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the watch unit of the Hindustan Machine Tools has cut down its production by 50 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) its effect on imports or exports?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). In the present difficult foreign exchange situation, it has not been possible to meet fully the demand of the watch unit of Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., for the release of foreign exchange for the import of raw materials and components. There has, therefore, been considerable shortfall in the production of watches.

(c) Import of complete watches is not allowed. H.M.T. are trying to export a part of their production, to enable them to manufacture more watches with the help of the export incentives.

Public Sector Undertakings

2374. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the export targets for the next five years of the public sector undertakings industry-wise and year-wise?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): No separate export targets have been fixed for the Public Sector Undertakings as such. However, the Public Sector Undertakings, in whose case export possibilities exist, have initiated steps to increase as much as possible their export earnings over the next few years.

Technical Planning Cell

2375. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a technical planning cell has been set up in the Department of Heavy Engineering;

(b) if so, its organisation and function; and

(c) whether the cell is patterned on similar cells in other Ministries?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (c). The nucleus of a Technical Planning Cell dealing with Machinery Industry has been set up under an Officer on Special Duty with necessary Secretariat Staff to assist him. Proposals for expansion of the organisation are under consideration. The Cell is processing proposals/schemes for inclusion in the Fourth Five Year Plan. The organisation has been set up to meet the specific requirements of heavy engineering industries and is not patterned on similar organisation in other Ministries.

मध्य रेलवे पर पुल

2376. **श्री उवा० प्र० ज्योतिषी:** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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