

- (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
 •
 (c) the reaction of the companies to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) It is not quite clear as to the meaning of the question. Certain controls are exercised over the foreign oil companies, for example in regard to release of foreign exchange for crude; control of prices of products by Government resolution, etc. No new control are at present contemplated.

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

Development of Cities and Towns in States to Accommodate More People

2830. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have suggested to the State Governments to develop the cities and towns in such a way as to accommodate more population in less populated areas to enable more people to avail of, to the maximum extent, of the existing civic facilities; and

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made to the State Governments and the results to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH): (a) and (b). No such specific suggestion has been made. However, re-adjustment of residential densities in cities and towns, by decongesting crowded areas and populating open areas within urban limits, is one of the most essential constituents of a master plan. The Government of India have on various occasions impressed upon the State Governments the necessity of preparing master plans for the cities and towns in the country. The State Governments have been endeavouring to do the the needful since the

commencement of the Third Five Year Plan, having regard to the availability of resources for the purpose.

Self-Sufficiency in Arms Production

2831. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL:
 SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
 SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH
 BHARATI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether India is self-sufficient in arms production or it depends on foreign purchase of certain type of war equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI): We are self-sufficient in respect of small arms, light artillery and their ammunition. For medium artillery weapons and ammunition, which are replacing our traditional weapons and ammunition in this range, indigenous capacity is being established.

While the aim is to progressively eliminate crucial dependence on external sources by making the most of the country's own resources, foreign purchase of certain types of war equipment is unavoidable for some time to come.

Surveys by Geological Survey of India during last three years

2832. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA:
 SHRI DEVINDER SINGH
 GARCHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(b) the areas surveyed by the Geological Survey of India during the last three years;

(b) whether any new mineral deposits have been found as a result of these surveys; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHOWDHARY):

(a) Geological Survey of India has conducted