

Study on Air Pollution in Delhi

6055. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken on the acute air pollution in Delhi, by Government or by any other institution;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up any committee for suggesting measures to control air pollution in Delhi:

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the air quality survey, the air pollution levels in Delhi are by and large within the prescribed standards. While the levels of Sulphur Dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are well within the limits, the particulate matter is occasionally on the higher side. This is due to the natural dusty conditions and industrial activities including thermal power plants.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of IRE Limited

6056. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual turnover of Indian Rare

Earths Limited during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(b) whether Government propose to further expand its capacity if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON) (a) The Annual Turnover of Indian Rare Earths Ltd. is as follows:

| <i>Sales (Rs. in lakhs)</i> | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| 1987-88 | 3259.29 (1631.20)* |
| 1988-89 | 6015.98 (2994.30)* |
| 1989-90 | 6485.00 (Prov.) (2752.40)* (Prov.) |

* Figures in bracket represent F.E. earned.

(b) The Company has drawn up a five year Corporate Plan covering the period 1989-90 to 1993-94. During this period it is proposed to make an investment of Rs. 271 crores which will involve setting up of new facilities in the existing units of the Company at Alwaye, Chavara (Kerala), Manavalakurichi (Tamil Nadu) and OSCOM (Orissa). In addition new mineral deposits in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are also proposed to be exploited. The growth anticipated in terms of annual sales turnover is of the order of about 200% and a four fold increase in foreign exchange earnings.