

now referred to Advisory Committee for its advice. Cases involving forest area upto 10 hectares are decided by this Ministry without referring those to the Advisory Committee. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest have been authorised to clear proposals involving forest land less than one hectare.

[English]

### **Electronic Units in Maharashtra**

6109. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to develop electronic units in Maharashtra especially in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance provided to the State Government so far and likely to be given in 1990-91?

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) and (b). At present, there is no proposal with the Government to set up any Central Public Sector Electronics Unit in Maharashtra. However, 210 Industrial Licences and 275 Letters of Intent-Registration have been so far issued for setting up of Electronic Units in Maharashtra. Maharashtra Electronics Development Corporation (MELTRON)-a State public sector undertaking is engaged in promoting the growth of Electronics Industry in the State. An Electronics Zone of 60 Acres has been set up and a standard de-

sign of 32 industrial sheds have been build at Hingare in Vidarbha region.

(c) Amongst other activities, Department of Electronics has provided financial support through Maharashtra State Electronics Development Corporation (MELTRON) to the following programmes:-

- (i) Programme on Electro-medical Equipment Repair and Maintenance for which an amount of Rs. 7.82 lakhs have been released so far.
- (ii) Rural Electronics Employment Generation programme including setting up of Co-operative Societies for women, Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes, for which an amount of Rs. 23 lakhs have been released so far and Rs. 11 lakhs ar likely to be released during 1990-91.
- (iii) Rs. 10 lakhs have been given to MELTRON for starting an Electronics Research and Development Centre (ER&DC) at Pune, a Joint Project of the Department of Electronics and MELTRON. The amount to be paid in 1990-91 is yet to be finalised.
- (iv) Centre for Electronics Design and Technology (CEDT) has been set up jointly at Aurangabad.
- (v) Under Standardisation Test & Quality Control (STQC) Programme of the Department of Electronics, Electronics Test and Development Centre at Pune has been set up jointly, for which an amount of Rs. 73.86 lakhs has been released so far and an amount of Rs. 18.50 lakhs is likely to be released during 1990-91.