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Revitalization of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited and Cycle Corporation of India Limited

1629. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK.
SHRI HARADHAN ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any plan for revitalisation of the Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited and Cycle Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (c). The working of the two Companies is being regularly monitored by Government and steps taken for effecting improvements in their performance include upgradation of technology, modernisation of plant and machinery, rationalisation of work force, capital restructuring and financial assistance for working capital etc.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Industries in Bhojpur, Bihar

1630. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhojpur has been declared an industrially backward area; and

(b) if so, the number of letters of intent and Industrial licences issued for industries set up or proposed to be set up for the development thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Two letters of intent, one each in the year 1987 and 1988 were issued for setting up industrial units in Bhojpur District.

[*English*]

LTTE Smuggling Arms

1631. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "LTTE smuggling arms" appearing in the Times of India dated 23 November, 1990 wherein it has been reported that the Sri Lankan Tamil militants are smuggling arms and other goods from India and the Tigers were running arms factories and units turning out uniforms for them in South India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government