

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : It is true that the representatives of the Plastic manufacturers' Association met me and they placed a number of points and this is one of the points raised and the matter is getting consideration.

[Translation]

SHRI VISHNU MODI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, will the Government take an early decision in regard to tax concessions ?

[English]

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : I have already replied to this question.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question List is over. I will go over the list again so that if any of the absent Members are present, they may put their questions. Now, Question No. 121—Shrimati Patel Ramaben Ramjibhai Mavani.

[Translation]

Power Crisis in Gujarat

*121. SHRIMATI USHA THAKKAR on Behalf of SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Gujarat has faced power crisis many a times during the past two years, as a result of which a number of industries and factories have been closed down, industries and business have received a setback and workers have been rendered jobless; and

(b) if so, the measures taken and proposed to be taken by the Union Government to supply adequate power to Gujarat from other States ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF

MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). By and large, Gujarat has been able to meet its energy requirements during the last two years. To further improve the power availability in Gujarat, and to bridge the gap between supply and peak demand, assistance has been provided to the State from the Central sector Korba super thermal Station and also from Maharashtra. According to the Gujarat Electricity Board, there has been no closure of factories or industries in the State on account of power cuts.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Foreign Collaboration with Automobile Companies

*123. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) which of the Automobile Companies manufacturing cars in India have been allowed to switch over to their new manufacturing plants under foreign collaboration;

(b) whether only the technical know-how has been allowed to be imported or alongwith that some parts of the automobiles have been allowed to be imported; and

(c) what would be the total quantum of such foreign investments and how it has been agreed to be remitted to foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) :

(a) The proposals of M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd. and M/s. Premier Automobiles Ltd. for foreign collaboration for manufacture of new models of passenger cars were approved sometime ago.

(b) Foreign collaborations normally envisage import of components for a limited period on a reducing scale according to the indigenisation programme approved by the Government. This facility has been extended to these cases also.

(c) These collaborations do not envisage any foreign investment.