Establishment of Public Sector Units in Saurashtra Region

*456. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a public sector unit in Saurashtra region of Gujarat State in the near future to solve the unemployment problem of that region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (2) and (b). The Planning Commission are currently engaged in the preparation of the new Five Year Plan covering the period 1980-65.

Various Ministries of the Central Government and the State Governments (including Gujarat State) have been asked to formulate details of programmes/schemes. The picture in regard to the establishment of public sector units and its impact on unemployment situation would emerge after the Five Year Plan is finalised.

Applications for Citizenship Certifioates from East Pakistan Refugees

*457. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISH-NAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan staying in different States of the North-East, who have applied for citizenship certificates, (State-wise);

(b) how many of them have been granted citizenship certificates;

(c) the number of applications rejected;

(d) the number of applications yet under consideration; 1267 LS-2 (e) since when these applications were pending, (year-wise) and Statewise; and

(f) the nationality status of those who have not been granted citizenship certificates, or who have not applied for such certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Defence Priority Project

*461. DR. VASANT KUMAR PAN-DIT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received serious complaints that the top priority Army Oriented Project, PX-SPL-47 at Solids State Physics Laboratory is suffering handicaps and obstructions;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the charges of alleged irregularities and losses due to misuse of gold, platinum and other SPL. Stores; and

(c) what steps have Government taken to assure smooth co-ordinated development and research of priority projects by the SPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The project has already been completed.

(b) The allegations were investigated but nothing of substance was found in them.

(c) The research and development work on various projects at Solidstates Physics Laboratory (SPL) is progressing smoothly.

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