

(e) whether Government propose to take radical measures to deal with the situation effectively and appoint special courts for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (e): The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Reorganisation of States

*36. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations pressing for reorganisation of States|grant of State-hood to Union territories, merging of Union territories etc.;

(b) if so, the details of such representations|proposals received so far and the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken|proposed in this regard;

(c) whether some Janata Party Minister, gave public assurances to the people of Goa, Daman and Diu and Delhi for grant of full State-hood; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to fulfil the promises made?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) and (b): Representations continue to be received by Government from time to time for reorganisation of the relatively larger States into smaller States, transfer of territories of certain existing States to the adjoining States, and setting up of a Commission to make recommendations on reorganisation of States. There have also been different suggestions from time to time regarding the future set-up of the Union territories. As has already been stated, the Government do

not consider the present to be an opportune time for taking up the question of reorganisation of any State. As far as Union territories are concerned, from the point of view of securing better administration of these areas, Government keeps considering in a general way alternative possibilities.

(c) and (d): No public assurance of the kind referred to has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Under-utilisation of installed capacity of Industries

*37. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:

SHRI MADAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is under-utilisation of installed capacity in many industries;

(b) if so, what is the extent of under-utilisation at present and what are the broad categories of industries where such under-utilisation persists;

(c) what are the reasons for under-utilisation; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure maximum utilisation of the installed capacity in industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b): A statement comparing capacity utilisation during the past 5 years in 70 selected industries looked after by the Directorate General of Technical Development is attached.

(c) and (d): Some of the important reasons for under utilisation of capacity are: long gestation periods, lack of demand, power cuts, excess capacity already created, scarcity of raw materials, labour troubles, mechanical breakdowns, technological constraints and market constraints and inability to exploit the available market. Among the steps taken to ensure maximum utilisation of capacity in industries are: