

of different types of Printing machinery. As the progress made in this regard has not been satisfactory, Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., have started negotiations with an Italian party for technical collaboration for the manufacture of different types of printing machinery.

As all these proposals are in the preliminary stage it is not possible to indicate the date by which the production will start.

Offer from Indians abroad to set up factories in India

*199. SHRI HIMATSINGKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians in the U. K., Kenya and several other countries have made attractive offers to set up new factories in India, indicating their willingness to invest large amounts of foreign exchange to import the latest equipment for the manufacture of variety of items including sophisticated transistor, radios and automobile components;

(b) the number and the nature of offers made by the Indians abroad in this regard and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the industries, small, medium and big to be set up with such investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes Sir. It is a fact that Indians in U. K., Kenya and several other countries have been making several enquiries from time to time about the scope of their starting small scale industries in India.

(b) and (c). The exact number of such offers is not readily available. However, the Development Commissioner has been furnishing necessary information to these persons as and when enquiries were made to him.

Setting up of Joint Ventures in India and in third Countries

*200. SHRI SHARDA NAND:
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of his visit to U. K., Hungary and the Soviet Union for exploring the possibility of setting up joint ventures in India and in third countries;

(b) whether any agreements in this regard have been signed with any of the countries he visited;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Hungary has agreed for collaboration in setting up two public sector projects for the production of seamless tubes and that of high pressure gas cylinders; and

(e) if so, on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). The purpose of the visit to the United Kingdom, Hungary and Soviet Union was to explore the possibilities of extending the area of industrial collaboration between these countries and India and for the flow of technological know-how in various specialised fields, together with the development of exports and the establishment of closer industrial relations for the purpose of joint production programmes and the like. No specific agreements were signed but a broad area of understanding was reached with the representatives of Government and industry in these countries as to the scope and the manner in which industrial collaboration would be extended further.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). The discussions with the Hungarian authorities covered proposal for