

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

supply of machinery and equipment from Hungary manufacture of gas cylinders and seamless tubes in this country. These projects are under consideration of Government at present, particularly the manufacture of gas cylinders where a project report from the N. I. D. C. has already been received and is under examination. The offer of the Hungarian side is under examination and a final decision in this regard would be taken along with the decision to take up implementation of this project.

आम चुनावों पर व्यय

*201. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री:
श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री:

क्या विधि तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आम चुनावों पर हो रहे अत्याधिक व्यय को कम करने के लिए कोई कारगर उपाय करने का विचार है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश भक्त तथा ईमानदार लोग चुनाव नहीं लड़ सकते हैं क्योंकि चुनाव लड़ने में बहुत खर्च होता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का कोई नये निर्णय करने का विचार है ?

विधि मंत्रालय तथा समाज कल्याण विभाग में उप-मंत्री (श्री मु० यूनस सलीम): (क) निर्वाचन आयोग साधारण निर्वाचनों में अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा किये जाने वाले अत्याधिक व्यय पर रोक लगाने के लिए कई प्रभावकारी उपायों के लिए प्रस्ताव बना रहा है।

(ख) यह हो सकता है कि कुछ देश भक्त और ईमानदार व्यक्तियों को, जिनके पास पर्याप्त साधन नहीं हैं, निर्वाचन लड़ना कठिन प्रतीत होता हो।

(ग) सरकार, निर्वाचन आयोग के प्रस्तावों पर विचार करने के पश्चात् निश्चय करेगी।

Shifting of Industries from West Bengal

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

(a) whether it is a fact that he had stated that 24 industries have shifted from West Bengal recently;

(b) whether it also a fact that his statement was contradicted by the Minister of Industries of West Bengal;

(c) the names of the industries which have been shifted from West Bengal;

(d) whether the Haryana and U. P. Chief Ministers, have been contacted by certain industrialists of West Bengal for installing their industries in their respective States; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take so that the industries of West Bengal may not be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) No statement was made to the effect that 24 industries had shifted from West Bengal recently. However in reply to a Lok Sabha Starred Question (No. 1397 on 29.4.1969), it was stated that during 1966, 1967 and 1968, 24 Indian Companies shifted their registered offices from West Bengal to other States.

(b) Government's attention has been drawn to a press report to this effect.

(c) During 1969 (1.1.69 to 30.6.69) only two licences have been issued for shifting of undertakings from West Bengal to Haryana and Maharashtra, respectively. These industries relate to Glazed Tiles and Industrial Blowers. No such licence was issued in 1968.

(d) It has been ascertained from U.P. Government, that as a result of the various incentives and facilities offered by the State Government for industrial development in that State, a number of enquiries were received from the various parts of the country