

**Involving State Governments in
formulating Industrial Policy**

*576. SHRI R. K. BIRLA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have recently taken a decision on the question of involving the State Governments in evolving industrial policy as a whole; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) . The views of State Governments are always given due consideration in the formulation of industrial policies and in the process of industrial licensing. There is no change in the policy.

**Special Cell for Promotion of Joint
Ventures Abroad**

*577. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a special cell is proposed to be set up in his Ministry to promote joint ventures abroad; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries where joint ventures are proposed to be launched ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Joint Ventures are proposed to be promoted, in all countries, particularly in the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**Supply of Machine Tools by HMT to
U. S. A.**

*578. SHRI N. K. SOMANI : Will the Minister OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether American technicians, after satisfying themselves regarding the quality of the machine tools manufactured by Hindustan Machine Tools, have agreed to supply required machinery and know-how to India to supply back to them the special machine tools in American market; and

(a) whether India has similar arrangements with other industrially advanced countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. Bangalore has entered into a licence agreement with American Tool Company for joint development of Heavy Duty Engine Lathes and Machining Centres for Drilling; Milling and Boring operations for marketing these products in the American market. A team of American distributors, Editors of leading Machine Tools Publications and Executives of M/s. Wyle Laboratories recently visited the units of H. M. T. and were satisfied that Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. are capable of manufacturing machine tools of the quality and sophistication needed by the American market. H. M. T. has also an agreement with M/s. Hermann Kolb of West Germany for the purpose of sale and service of Radial Drills and for joint development and manufacture of more heavy and sophisticated Radial Drills. It is understood that in the Private Sector too, some companies are negotiating for similar arrangements.

**Defects in Alloy Steel Plant,
Durgapur**

* 579. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain serious technical defects in the design of the Steel Mill and other plant of the Alloy Steel project, Durgapur have come to light;

(b) if so, whether the Central Engineering and Design Bureau has investigated the matter and found out whether the Consultants or Plant suppliers are responsible; and