

**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

(c) the action being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. R. BHAGAT):

(a) and (b). Certain deficiencies, largely in the Sheet Mill complex of Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur were brought to the notice of the Government by Hindustan Steel Limited.

(c) The matter is under consideration of Government.

#### **Setting up of Machine Tool Accessory Plant**

\*580. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up two machine tool accessory plants to manufacture components for the Hindustan Machine Tools;

(b) the proposed location and production capacity of the envisaged plants, and

(c) the precautions taken to determine the location of the plants to prevent concentration of Industrialization in the specific areas to the detriment of the industrially backward areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) and (b). Government of India have no proposal to set up any machine tool accessories plants to manufacture components for the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. However, the State Industrial and Investment Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd., Bombay (SICOM) and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation, Tamil Nadu (TIDCO) had requested the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., to prepare Feasibility Reports for setting up machine tool accessories plants. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Bangalore, has since prepared the Feasibility Reports and submitted them to the respective Corporations.

The State Industrial and Investment Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd, (Bombay) have later requested Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the implementation of this scheme. H. M. T. have agreed to prepare the Detailed Project Report. The details regarding location and production capacity of this Plant are yet to be decided.

The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation proposes to locate the unit at Arkonam in North Arcot District of Tamil Nadu with an annual production capacity worth Rs. 92 lakhs.

(c) This will be gone into at the appropriate time. However, it is expected that the Corporations will be guided by this objective in proposing the sites for the location of the Plants.

#### **Training Facilities for the Blind**

\*581. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF : Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered for providing certain more training facilities for the blind in the country; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI JAGANATH RAO) : (a) Training of the blind is the primary responsibility of State Governments. The Government of India have, however, set up a National Centre for the Blind at Dehra Dun which is to be further developed in the IV Plan.

(b) Some of the new sections contemplated by the Centre in the IV Plan include,

(i) A training course in orientation and mobility;

(ii) Expansion of the Sheltered Workshop;