

ing all those who are interested in supplying to obtain tender documents and quote. This system is applied equally to Public Sector Undertakings.

(c) Public Sector Undertakings who are interested are very much participating and competing in the tenders. PSUs like BHEL, BHPV, SAIL, JESSOPS & COMPANY etc.

are responding to enquiries of HSL. In all such cases HSL is responding and complete particulars are given to PSUs as and when they are participation in the tender.

(d) There is no case of PSUs not having received any response from HSL, in view of the reply to part (c) of the question. During the last 2 years, the amount of stores purchased from PSU's is as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total value of purchases</i>	<i>Value of purchases made from PSUs</i>
		<i>(Rs in lakhs)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1988	305.49	291 1
1989	1385.54	1367 55

Passport Applications Received in RPO, Andhra Pradesh

4854 SHRI P. NARSA REDDY, Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of passport applications received by the Regional Passport Office, Andhra Pradesh since August, 1989 till date;

(b) the number of passport applications cleared so far; and

(c) the average time taken by the passport offices to clear one passport in different States and in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Ships Constructed and Delivered by Hindustan Shipyard Limited

4855 SHRI P. NARSA REDDY Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships constructed and delivered by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(b) the percentage of off-load system as per the Factory Act and the percentage of off-load work given by the Shipyard during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The number of ships constructed and delivered by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is as under: