

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether in view of the anticipated increase in oil production in the country and during the next 10 years, plans are being framed for a suitable tanker fleet for importing oil?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Our existing tanker fleet is quite adequate for the purpose.

Progress of Industries in Backward Areas

4167. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the *Deccan Herald*, dated the 12th June, 1977 that the Association of Indian Engineering Industry has pointed out in a paper presented to the Prime Minister that the incentives and concessions extended to encourage setting up of industries in underdeveloped or backward areas have met with little success; and

(b) if so, the difficulties faced by such units; and steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Government have seen the report in the *Deccan Herald* dated the 12th June, 1977. Government are also aware that inspite of the various facilities extended, the progress of industrialisation of backward areas has been slow. Absence of industrial infrastructure and the consequent unwillingness of entrepreneurs to move to the back-

ward areas continue to remain the main handicaps. The question of evolving appropriate institutional arrangements for the development of backward areas and for removing such handicaps is being examined by Government.

Setting up of a Broadcasting Station at Sholapur

4168. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has taken notice of the long standing demand of the people of Sholapur for setting up a broadcasting station in that city; and

(b) if so, the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI). (a) and (b). Government is aware of the demand for the setting up of a broadcasting station at Sholapur. A proposal for establishing an AIR station at Sholapur had been formulated but because of the constraint on resources it has not been possible to provide for its implementation in the Fifth Plan. The proposal will be reconsidered for inclusion in the future development Plans subject to the availability of funds.

National Institute of Design Ahmedabad

4169. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the broad nature of the work done by the National Institute of Design at Ahmedabad, since its inception and in what manner it has contributed to the progress of the country's economic activity;

(b) the details of its achievements in transferring technology to help small and medium industries growth; and

(c) its future programmes to accelerate growth of employment oriented industries in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, was set up by the Government of India in 1961 to undertake education, training, research and service in the field of industrial design. Its first task was to develop the teaching faculty for their new educational programme. On completion of this task, the professional educational programme for designers was instituted in 1970. In addition, the Institute has also conducted post-graduate short-term and part-time courses in various fields of industrial design. Side by side, the Institute has also rendered consultancy and design services to the Government, Public Sector Corporations, Industries (Large, Medium and small Scale), Craft Sector and Rural Industry.

(b) Much of the Institute's work in industrial design (product design, furniture design, ceramic design and textiles design) is devoted to the small scale and medium scale sectors. Recent instance of such assistance include the development of hand-tools for export, improved cane, bamboo and wood furniture, designing of electrical appliances etc. At present it is working with the Ministry of Agriculture for the development of communication techniques to assist rural extension works. The Institute has also been working with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, in the backward areas of Rajasthan to transfer design technology in leather products etc. The Institute's work in the design has won recognition from the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. It is for the first time that this major International Award has been granted to India. The purpose of the award is to promote and encourage industrial design acti-

vities in developing countries, as well as the design of products and systems which can improve economic and social conditions. The National Institute of design's work reviewed by I. C. S. I. D. included a new smokeless Chulah and more efficient Harvesting Implements.

(c) The future programme for assistance in employment-oriented industries in rural areas includes the extension of Rajasthan experiments of linking education with rural employment opportunities to other States, extension of craft training projects undertaken in some of the North Eastern States, extension of research services for the improvement of harvesting implements, recycling of agriculture waste etc.

Licensed Capacity and Demand for Tractors

4170. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the licensed capacity of tractors in different H.Ps. in the last two years, with names of manufacturers; and

(b) the estimated demand for tractors by 1982?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The required information is given in the statement attached.

(b) The demand projected on the basis of a study carried out by D.G.T.D./Development Council for Automobiles and Allied Industries is of the order of 76,000 nos. p.a. by 1982-83.