

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on the expansion of plastic units ; and

(a) the estimated cost of the new units proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d) : The plastic processing industry is expanding and this trend is expected to continue. It is not possible to indicate the number of new units likely to be set up and the investment thereon.

#### Setting up of Chemical Industry

4127. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of chemical industries set up in different States ;

(b) the location of those industrial units in different States ;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up some more chemical industries during 1985-86 ; and

(d) if so, the names of the places in different States where such chemical industries are proposed to be set up in 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b) : The details of the industrial licences, issued from time to time, to the industries including chemical industry are published in the weekly Bulletin issued by the Director of Statistics in the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi.

(c) and (d) : The industrial licence applications for manufacture of chemi-

cal items, from whichever State they emanate, are examined on merits as per the existing policy.

#### Process-cum-Product Development Centres for Small Scale Sector

4128. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the scheme for setting up Process-cum-Product Development Centres for the purpose of upgrading the technology of small scale sector ;

(b) the details of location of these Process-cum-Product Development Centres that have been set up so far ; and

(c) whether the Committee set up to suggest a modernisation programme of Photo-type Development and Training Centres has submitted its report and if so, the action taken on the recommendations on the report of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) With a view to provide institutional support in the field of R and D for the small scale industries, the Government of India have introduced a scheme for setting up Process-cum-Product Development Centres for the purpose of upgrading the technology of the small scale sector. The main aim of these Centres is to develop better processes and bring about technological improvement in this sector so that their products not only improve in quality but also become more competitive. Besides the Development of process, these Centres are intended to develop improved products through better designs and use of improved materials etc. In addition these Centres would provide testing facilities and also train entrepreneurs/