

recently; production at the rated capacity in such plants is normally achieved over a period of time. It is early yet to assess production capability of this plant on a sustained basis. Import of capital goods including second hand machinery for this plant was allowed in accordance with the import policy prevailing at that time.

(d) No, Sir.

**Companies manufacturing electronic typewriters**

2183. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV :

DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued licences to various typewriter manufacturing companies to produce electric and electronic typewriter;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and capacity;

(c) the policy on issuing such licences to companies having foreign collaborations; and

(d) the details of foreign exchange requirements for imports of components etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The three existing manual typewriter manufacturing companies which sought industrial licences for the manufacture of electronic type writers were granted licences, either by way of fresh industrial licence or endorsement on their existing industrial licence or letter of intent. The details such as, name and capacity are being published by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter'. Copies of this publication are being sent to Parliament Library regularly.

(c) No distinction, whether the applicant has an existing foreign collaboration or not, is made while permitting the manufacture of electronic typewriters to the existing manufacturers of typewriters.

(d) The foreign exchange requirement for import of components etc. varies from unit to unit depending upon the phased manufacturing programme, depending upon the models and features, approved and programme for manufacture from year to year.

**Central assistance for NCC programmes in school and colleges**

2185. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether any proposals have been received by the Centre from the Southern States for extending financial assistance from the Centre to the extent of 80 per cent for conducting NCC programmes in schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : No, Sir.

[Translation]

**Capacity utilisation of Mini Cement Plants**

2186. SHRI R. P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken during the past three years to encourage the setting up of mini cement plants in the country and the number of licences issued in various States, place-wise;

(b) whether all the mini cement plants for which licences were issued worked to their full capacity and if so, the quantity of cement produced by each of them and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to close down mini cement plants and

whether Government have stopped giving financial assistance to them and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) :

(a) With a view to encouraging establishment of mini cement plants, Government have exempted these plants from the operation of price and distribution controls. The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (formerly Cement Research Institute) provides requisite technological support in the establishment of these plants. Reliefs to a certain extent in the payment of Central Excise Duty was also available to mini cement plants till 31st March, 1984. Details of industrial licences issued for setting up mini cement plants are given in the statement-I attached.

(b) Of the 34 mini cement plants which hold industrial licences, 14 units have since come on production. Production performance of these units is indicated in the statement-II attached. Power shortage is reported to be the main reason for shortfall in production in a number of these plants.

(c) There is no proposal to close down mini cement plants.

Mini cement plants receive financial assistance from public financial institutions like IDBI and not directly from Government. Pending a detailed review of the trends in the cement industry and functioning of the mini cement plants already financed by them, IDBI suspended grant of financial assistance to the mini cement plants in January, 1985. IDBI have, however, since resumed this facility subject to certain conditions.

Statement-I

Sr. No.	State	District	No. of Industrial Licences granted
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nalgonda	6
2.	—do—	Guntur	1
3.	—do—	Kurnool	1
4.	—do—	Krishna	1
5.	—do—	Adilabad	1
6.	Gujarat	Junagath	2
7.	—do—	Amreli	1
8.	—do—	Banaskantha	3
9.	—do—	Panchmahal	1
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Sirmur	1
11.	Karnataka	Chitradurga	4
12.	—do—	Bolgaum	1

1	2	3	4
13.	Karnataka	Bijapur	1
14.	—do—	Gulbarga	1
15.	Maharashtra	Chandrapur	1
16.	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	1
17.	—do—	Sidhi	1
18.	—do—	Dhar	1
19.	Orissa	Sundergarh	1
20.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	1
21.	—do—	Banswara	1
22.	—do—	Sikar	1
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Dehradun	1
<b>TOTAL :</b>			<b>34</b>

## Statement-II

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Location (Distt. and State)	Annual Licensed Capacity (tonnes)	Production (in tonnes) (Jan.—June 1985)	Remarks
1.	M/s. Keketiya Cements Ltd.	Nalgonda (A.P.)	66,000	39,096	Full utilisation of capacity.
2.	M/s. Deccan Cements	—do—	66,000	34,123	Full utilisation of capacity.
3.	M/s. Someswara Cements	Adilabad (A.P.)	66,000	19,444	No constraint reported.
4.	M/s. Nagarjuna Cements	Nalgonda (A.P.)	66,000	34,211	Full utilisation of capacity.
5.	M/s. ARC Cements Ltd.	Dehradun (U.P.)	60,000	production not reported	In production from Nov., 1982.
6.	M/s. Parthasarthy Cements and Inds. Ltd.	Guntur (A.P.)	66,000	2,781	In production from January, 1985.
7.	M/s. Kalyan Sundaram Cement Inds. Ltd.	Banswara (Raj.)	66,000	1,141	In production from January, 1985.
8.	M/s. Swadesh Cements	Jaipur (Raj.)	66,000	2,925	In production from February, 1985.
9.	M/s. Panchmahal Cement Co. Ltd.	Panchmahal (Raj.)	66,000	4,851	In production from March, 1985.
10.	M/s. Shriram Cements Ltd.	Banaskantha (Guj.)	66,000	production not reported	In production from January, 1985.
11.	M/s. Hemadri Cements	Krishna (A.P.)	66,000	—do—	In production from March, 1985.
12.	M/s. Sagar Cements	Nalgonda (A.P.)	66,000	—do—	In production from January, 1985.
13.	M/s. Dhar Cements	Dhar (M.P.)	66,000	—do—	In production from February, 1985.
14.	M/s. Karnataka Cement Ltd.	Gulbarga (Karnataka)	66,000	—do—	In production from May, 1985.