

development during the last one year; and

(b) the number of industries set up in such districts during the last one year and the number of persons brought above the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) 300 districts/areas of the country have been identified as industrially backward eligible to various incentives like Central Investment Subsidy, concessional Finance, Interest Subsidy etc.; details are given in the booklet on 'INCENTIVES FOR INDUSTRIES IN BACKWARD AREAS' April, 1984 read with Press Note No. 14/2/83—DBA—I dated 9.4.85, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

During the year 1984-85 a sum of Rs. 82.02 cores & Rs. 2.99 crores were reimbursed to State Governments under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme and Transport Subsidy Scheme respectively.

(b) During the year 1985, 774 letters of intent, 427 Industrial Licences and 1140 DGTD registrations were accorded for setting up industries in the backward areas. Details such as name of the undertaking, location, item of manufacture etc. are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their "Monthly Newsletter"; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Information about the number of persons brought above poverty line in these areas is not maintained.

[English]

Dr. Vardarajan Committee Report on Bhopal Gas Leak

4653. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Vardarajan Committee's Report on the Bhopal gas leak has held that hydrogen cyanide was not responsible for the deaths caused ;

(b) whether this conclusion contra-

dicts the findings of the Central Air pollution Control Board and several other medical investigations ; and

(c) whether M/s. Union Carbide has failed to provide adequate information on the possibility of cyanide being released from Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICH-ANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Report on Scientific Studies on Factors related to Bhopal Toxic Gas Leakage submitted by a team of scientists headed by Dr. Vardarajan does not record the causes of death or injury. The Report has been chiefly concerned with the conditions that lead to the toxic gas leakage.

(c) Available Union Carbide Reports do not contain detailed information on the behaviour of methyl Isocyanate when subjected to heating and on the formation of cyanide.

Non-Availability of Monotard Insulin in Delhi

4654. **PROF. SAIFUDIN SOZ :**

SHRI JAGANNATH PATTHAIK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that monotard insulin, a life-saving drug for diabetic patients is not available in Delhi ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Doctors prefer imported stuff of the drug and do not prescribe local variety because of its inferior quality; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to produce standard quality insulin in future and ensure adequate supply of the imported variety as a short-run measure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICH-ANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is difficult to generalise.

(c) There is adequate production of

plain norm of insulin of standard quality in the country. The manufacture of Insulin has already been delicensed and exempted from sections 21 and 22 of the MRTP Act to encourage indigenous production.

M/s. Synbiotics Ltd., the importer and distributor of highly purified Chromatographed insulins, prescribed for patients with fat atrophy or in cases of normal insulin resistance, manufactured by Nova, Denmark, have reported adequate availability of these formulations.

Price of Molasses

4655. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of molasses that can be obtained by crushing one hundred tonnes of sugarcane ;

(b) the cost of molasses so obtained in the open market ; and

(c) whether it is proposed to raise the rate of support price of sugarcane to Rs. 300/- per tonne in the new policy on molasses, taking into consideration the fact that the cane growers are not deriving any benefit from the price of molasses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The norm of 4.25 tonnes of molasses per 100 tonnes of sugarcane crushed is normally adopted.

(b) As per the molasses Control Order, 1961, the price of molasses is Rs. 60/- per tonne for grade A sugar mill molasses.

(c) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Setting up of thermal power plant at Gorakhpur

4656. SHRI MADAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased

to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for selecting site for setting up of plants for power generation in public sector ; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up thermal power plant at Gorakhpur since the place is directly linked by rail with Dhanbad which is a coal producing area and water is available there in plenty and it is the most backward area where availability of power absolutely necessary for development ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The selection of site for location of a thermal station depends on several factors, such as availability of adequate land for power plant and ash disposal system, adequate quantity of cooling water, availability of coal and broad gauge rail link and nearness to Load Centre etc.

(b) There is at present, no proposal for locating a thermal power plant at Gorakhpur.

[English]

Employees' participation in Management in Maruti Udyog Ltd.

4657. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether production at Maruti Udyog has been affected during February 1986 due to employee rivalries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the company has introduced employees' participation in management ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). There was one day's loss of production on account of employee rivalries, however, planned target for the month of February was achieved.

(c) Maruti Udyog have been following employees' participation in management.