

SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) There were about 10.1 million domestic LPG connections in the country as on December 31, 1985.

(b) and (c). LPG distributors of the oil marketing companies are authorised to sell only such LPG stoves as have the ISI certification mark. These stoves meet safety requirements.

**Employment of Displaced Persons in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi**

3162. SHRI SIMON TIGGA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi ;

(b) the number of displaced persons employed in Heavy Engineering Corporation; Ranchi; and

(c) out of these displaced persons, what is the number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, physically handicapped and Ex-servicemen, separate details ?

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

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| (a) | 20739 Nos.                         |
| (b) | 4150 Nos.                          |
| (c) | (i) Scheduled Castes— 110 Nos.     |
|     | (ii) Scheduled Tribes— 2332 Nos.   |
|     | (iii) Physically handicapped — Nil |
|     | (iv) Ex-servicemen — Nil           |
|     | (v) Others — 1708                  |
|     | Total 4150 Nos.                    |

**Irregular supply of Insulin**

3163. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK:

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state ;

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 16 February 1986 stating that insulin supplies in the country are irregular and that a large number of diabetes patients were suffering as a result thereof ; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to break the monopoly of one supplier in regard to insulin which is a life saving drug ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The manufacture of Insulin has already been de-licensed and exempted from sections 21 and 22 of the MRTP Act, to encourage indigenous production. Further, M/s. Synbiotics Ltd., the importer and distributor of highly purified Chromatographed insulins manufactured by Novo, Denmark, have reported adequate availability of these formulations. They have also given wide publicity to this fact, inserting an advertisement in the Hindustan Times, dated 27-2-1986.

**Central Research Institute for Research and Development in Automobile Tyre Industry**

3164. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are against the creation of a Central Research Institute for undertaking research and development relating to the automobile tyre industry ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the policy of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Closure of Bengal Paper Mill, Raniganj (West Bengal)**

3165. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :