

Cooperation with Canadian manufacturers

3042. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Canadian and Indian manufacturers have agreed to share production and co-operation in manufacturing;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement;

(c) whether the proposed meetings at different cities in India have been held;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the notable advantages that India would be able to derive from this bilateral trade agreement by way of exports and exchange of technological know how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e). A delegation of Canadian Manufacturers Association visited India from 22nd February to 4th March, 1988. The Confederation of Engineering Industry and the Canadian Manufacturers Association signed an Agreement on 22nd February 1988 in New Delhi on production sharing and cooperation. This Agreement provides for expanding on the joint activities of trade and industrial cooperation through joint venturing and technology transfer arrangements; encouraging Canadian companies to consider Indian companies for production sharing and cooperation in manufacturing arrangements through competitive sourcing of bought out components, software, and parts from India.

The CMA delegation also held discussions in Calcutta, Bangalore, Madras and Bombay. During these discussions, areas for joint ventures and technology transfer

from Canada to India and sourcing of components from India to Canada were identified. The Agreement is expected to allow transfer of technology and sharing of experience in industrial matters.

[*Translation*]

Electrification of Villages in Banswara and Dungarpur, Rajasthan

3043. SHRI PRABHU LAL RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Banswara and Dungarpur district in Rajasthan so far;

(b) the number of villages yet to be electrified in the said area;

(c) the time by which all these villages will be electrified; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). Out of a total of inhabited villages as per 1971 census in Banswar District, 742 villages have been electrified till the end of December, 1987 leaving a balance of 697 villages to be electrified. Similarly, out of a total of 825 inhabited villages in Dungarpur District, 508 villages have been electrified till the end of December, 1987 leaving a balance of 317 villages to be electrified.

(c) and (d). The Districtwise targets for Rural Electrification are finalised at the State Level. However, cent percent electrification of villages in the State as a whole is expected to be achieved by the end of the VIII Plan subject to the availability of resources and other inputs.