

(b) how many of these licences pertain to areas reserved for the small scale sector; and

(c) what precautions have been taken to see that the large sector does not encroach on the areas reserved for small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-MATI ABHA MAITI): (a) Under the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 55 industrial licences were issued to undertakings registered under the MRTP Act during 1-7-77 to 30-6-78.

(b) 1 (one).

(c) Production in the large scale sector of items reserved for small scale sector is regulated in the following manner:—

(1) Units already licensed are not allowed to expand their capacity.

(2) In case an item is exempted from industrial licensing procedure and is reserved for the small scale sector, a Carry-on-Business licence is issued in case an entrepreneur had taken effective steps/commenced production before the date of reservation.

(3) Industrial undertakings holding Registration Certificate have all been advised now to submit their Certificates for endorsing the productive capacity thereon.

(4) The facility to increase production beyond 25 per cent of the licensed capacity is not extended in respect of items reserved for small scale sector.

(5) Fresh Industrial Licences for manufacture of items reserved for small scale sector are not now issued unless the proposal is for 100 per cent export on a continuing basis.

Issue of Regional News Bulletins from A.L.R. Aurangabad

449. **DR. BAPU KALDATE:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue Regional news bulletins from Aurangabad Radio Station (Maharashtra);

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). In Maharashtra there are three Regional News Units (at Bombay, Nagpur and Pune). This is the largest number of Regional News Units in any State. There is no proposal at present to increase the number of Regional News Units in Maharashtra. However the Bombay and Pune regional Units have been advised to include more news of the Marathwada region in their news bulletins. All India Radio has a full time correspondent in Aurangabad.

Meeting of Co-ordinating Committee of Non-Aligned Countries for Science & Technology in New Delhi

450. **SHRI AGHAN SINGH THAKUR:** Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five-member Co-ordinating Committee of non-aligned countries for science and technology held its meeting recently in New Delhi to delineate areas of cooperation and chalk out a common stand for United Nations Conference on Science and Technology; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions arrived at?

PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir; a meeting of the Coordinating Countries in the area