

of production and in the minimum investment levels prescribed for licensing and procedures for the grant of import licences for Capital Goods;

- (b) provision of special incentives for the development of small scale industries;
- (c) provision of incentives for the setting up of industrial units in backward areas;
- (d) encouragement of new investment in selected industries through the grant of an initial depreciation allowance;
- (e) provision of additional facilities for the import of capital goods not readily available within the country; and
- (f) emphasis on better maintenance, and the renovation and modernisation of industries, especially the textile and engineering industries;

Requirement of Potassium Chlorate

476. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirements of potassium chlorate;

(b) the production capacity of each of the following manufacturers viz., (i) M/s. Western India Match Company Limited, Bombay (ii) M/s. Travancore Chemicals and Manufacturing Company Limited, Alwaye (Kerala) and (iii) M/s. Mettur Chemicals and Industrial Corporation, Mettur Dam, District Salem (Tamilnadu); and

(c) their production (individual) in 1973 upto August, 1973?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) The present re-

quirement of Potassium Chlorate is 5000 tonnes per annum.

(b) The production capacity of the following companies is as under:—

Name of the Unit	The annual installed capacity
	(Tonnes)
(i) M/s. Western India Match Co. Ltd.	4,200
(ii) M/s. Travancore Chemicals and Mfg. Co. Ltd., Alwaye (Kerala)	750
(iii) M/s. Mettur Chemicals & Indl. Corp. Mettur Dam, (Tamilnadu)	624
(c) Their production (individual in 1973 upto August 1973) is as under :	
Name of the Unit	The annual installed Capacity
(i) M/s. Western India Match Co. Ltd.	2,748
(ii) M/s. Travancore Chemicals and Mfg. Co. Ltd., Alwaye (Kerala)	478
(iii) M/s. Mettur Chemicals & Indl. Corp. Mettur Tamilnadu)	89

Closure of M/s. Western India Match Company, Madras

476. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras unit of M/s. Western India Match Company Ltd., (manufacturing safety matches) was closed for 7 months;

(b) if so, whether Potassium chlorate which could have been in excess with Western India Match Company was supplied to small cottage industries in Sivakasi, Kovilpatti and Sattur areas to meet their demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?