

Manufacturing of Silicon Chips

3171. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that silicon chips are being imported in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any research has been conducted to manufacture silicon chips in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Government policy, Silicon Chips i.e. Integrated Circuits (ICs) on a chip of silicon are freely importable. Silicon Chips cover a wide variety of highly complex products such as microprocessor (Pentium processors, Sparc processors), memories (Dynamic Random Access Memories, Static Random Access Memories), Digital Signal Processor etc. These are produced only by a few well established global companies such as Intel, NEC, Motorola, Hitachi, Texas Instruments, Toshiba, Samsung etc.

(c) and (d) Silicon chips based on bipolar as well as metal oxide semiconductor technology are manufactured in the country to a limited extent. M/s SCL, a public sector undertaking of the Department of Electronics, manufactures Silicon chips for telecom and time keeping applications as well as application specific silicon chips for strategic as well as civilian requirements.

(e) Does not arise.

Cross Boarder Meet on J&K

3172. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cross border meet of leaders from J&K proposed by the British Parliamentarian on May 28, 1998 has been postponed indefinitely;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether India has agreed to attend this meet; and

(d) to what extent it has impact on the situation in the J&K border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):
(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The reasons for the postponement have not been indicated by the organizers of the meeting.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It has no impact on the situation in the J&K border.

[*Translation*]

Classification of Society

3173. DR. CHINTA MOHAN :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey to classify the society into various categories according to their income;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the percentage of each class to the total population;

(d) whether the Government have received any objection regarding these classifications;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reclassify them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :
(a) to (f) The Survey on Consumer Expenditure is conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation at regular intervals. These surveys classify people into various categories according to their Monthly Per Capita Consumption expenditure. The data on income is not collected. These classifications are widely accepted and used in the Governments. The percentage of people in each expenditure class as per the survey conducted in 1993-94 is given in the statement enclosed.