

**Assistance to Keltron**

7721. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala to extend financial assistance to Keltron to expand its units in Kerala; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Union Government have taken over or propose to take over any of the units of Keltron; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) In response to a proposal from Semiconductor Units of Keltron, which is a Public Sector Company of the Government of Kerala, the Department of Electronics has extended financial assistance by way of loans of Rs. 60 lakhs and Rs. 35 lakhs to Keltron Power Devices Ltd. and Keltron rectifiers Ltd., respectively to assist in their revitalisation programme.

(b) A units of Keltron namely, Electronic Test & Development Centre at Trivandrum was taken over by the Department of Electronics and upgraded to the level of Electronic Regional Test Laboratory in 1988. Electronics Research and Development Centre, which was earlier set up as an autonomous Society was also taken over in 1988.

**Acquisition of New Ships**

7722. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new ships are proposed to be acquired by the Indian Navy during 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). Vessels are being acquired for the Indian Navy during 1990-91 from indigenous yards as well as from import. It may not be desirable to disclose details in public interest.

**Setting up of Working Women Hostels in A.P.**

7723. SHRIMATI J. JAMUNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are considering any proposals to set up more working women hostels in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any amount is allocated in the current year for building any such hostels or for improving the existing ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) to (d). A provision of Rs.6 crores has been made in the Budget Estimates to start 70 additional hostels for 3,500 working women in the country for the year 1990-91 under the scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day-care Centre for Children. Projects are sanctioned on the basis of the applications received from the voluntary and other eligible organisations through the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration and are not allocated State or Union Territory-wise. No project proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh is presently pending consideration.