

various factors. But I agree with the hon. Member that the expansion of demand in the domestic economy is the most important factor which will lead to expansion in investment as well. And we are hoping that because agriculture this year is doing better than in the previous two years, this will generate demand in the Indian economy and it will provide the necessary fillip to the growth of the Indian economy.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

New industries in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal

*203. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries proposed to be set up by the Non-Resident Indians in Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the current financial year; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) No proposal for NRI investment has been received in respect of Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the current financial year up to 30.9.2001. The total number of approvals granted for NRI investments in these states during the period 1.8.1991 to 31.3.2001 is as under:—

State	No. of NRI cases approved	Amount of NRI Investment approved
Uttaranchal	—	—
Chhattisgarh	4	Rs. 625.00 lakhs
Jharkhand	3	Rs. 157.14 lakhs

Quality of Petro-products

*205. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the diesel produced by the public sector refineries is 100 times more polluted than that of the world's best; and