

The existing policy regarding molasses and alcohol is presently under detailed review.

Delicensing of chemical industry

196. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 28th May, 1986 captioned 'Chemical industry to be de-licensed'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what decisions have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Polyester yarn units

197. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up more polyester yarn units in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last

one year, 12 Letters of Intent have been issued for setting up of grass root plants for the manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a total capacity of 1,86,000 tonnes/annum.

Licensing policy for synthetic yarn

198. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIGKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to liberalise the licensing policy for synthetic yarn; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM)

(a) and (b) With a view to allowing licensed industrial undertakings the flexibility of manufacturing articles according to market demand in cases where this can be done with available common design and production facilities, Government announced in September, 1985, the scheme of broad banding in a number of groups of industries which included the following :—

(i) Synthetic fibre industry covering the three types of fibre namely; Polyester, Nylon and Poly-propylene; and

(ii) Synthetic filament yarn including industrial yarn/tyre cord.

In the light of the response of the industry to the above measure, it has been decided to enlarge the scope of the broad banding to permit the manufacturers of the polyester staple fibre to undertake production of polyester filament yarn and *vice versa* by making use of polycondensa-