

country. Four Metropolitan Cities/ Districts, namely, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi are outside the purview of the programme and the proposals to cover the remaining two districts, namely, Bangalore and Lakshadweep Islands are awaited from the concerned State/UT Government.

Reserved posts

1652. SHRI PANDURANG DHARMA-JI JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reserved posts from the category of class I and class II officers have not been filled in the Ministry of Industry;

(b) what is the position of other categories other than class I and class II in the department;

(c) whether these posts have been filled;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when these posts are likely to be filled in and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some posts reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes candidates in various categories are remaining unfilled in the Ministry of Industry (proper).

(d) and (e) Recruitment action to fill these posts, as per prescribed procedure, such as notifying the vacancies to Employment Exchanges, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms etc. has already been taken. Offers of appointments have also been issued in some cases. The posts will be filled soon on conclusion of the requisite formalities.

H.M.T. watch factory in Bihar

1653. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a H.M.T. watch factory in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (c) An HMT assisted watch assembly unit is proposed to be set up by the Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation. HMT, besides supplying watch components for assembly by this unit, would provide technical service and marketing assistance to the Unit.

Industrial Production

1654. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly index of industrial production (manufacturing sector) during the last 12 months;

(b) whether there are any signs of stagnation or recession;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what preventive steps have been taken or are being taken to restore the tempo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) A statement giving the monthly index of