

Report into Accident of the Pits Aircraft

*326. SHRI HARISHANKAR
BHABHRA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the commission of enquiry into the accident of the Pits aircraft in which Shri Sanjay Gandhi and Captain Subhash Saxena died in 1980 was presented to his Ministry and was returned for completion by the enquiry Commission; and

(b) if so, what were the gaps left uncovered by the Commission which required to be filled up to make a complete report?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of semi-conductor grade Silicon

@*327. SHRI RAM LAKHAN
PRASAD GUPTA:
SHRI HARISHANKAR
BHABHRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an industrial licence for production of semi-conductor grade silicon has been issued in favour of a new company named 'Siltronics Limited' Howur, (T.N.) in which a multi-national company has substantial shares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the licence allows import of foreign technology;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that several of Indian laboratories have claimed to have developed silicon technology indigenously nearly a decade ago; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for allowing import of technology?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):

(a) An industrial licence has been issued on 15-1-81 to M/s. Siltronics (India) Ltd. for manufacture of ultra pure silicon of 15 tonnes p.a. M/s. Grindwell Norton, a company with 50 per cent foreign equity holding will invest in shares up to Rs. 49.5 lakhs (not exceeding 50 per cent of the equity capital) in the new company as Promoters.

(b) to (d) Import of foreign technology has been permitted because indigenous technology developed by some Indian Research Institutions is on a laboratory scale at present and yet to be scaled up for commercial production. Foreign know-how is required for the establishment of a fully integrated and technologically coherent viable project for the manufacture of poly-crystalline silicon, mono-crystalline silicon and wafers. The company has also sponsored a research programme with the National Chemical Laboratory for further development and quick absorption of the imported technology.

Supply of controlled cloth in Rural Areas

*328. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a recent study made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research has revealed that only 15 per cent of the cloth produced under cloth control scheme reached the consumers in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?