

**Foreign collaboration for Maruti
Udyog**

**491. SHRI NARASINGH PRASAD
NANDA:**

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision on the foreign collaboration for Maruti Udyog has since been taken;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in negative, what are the reasons thereof and by when a final decision in this respect is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A number of leading overseas automobile manufacturers have lately expressed keen interest for collaboration with Maruti Udyog Limited. Discussions are in progress with these parties. A decision on the model of the car to be manufactured and on the collaboration is expected to be taken shortly after the detailed formal proposals are received and evaluated.

Export of Mini T.V.

492. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's mini-T.V. sets have found potential export markets in various countries including Nigeria, Algeria and Zimbabwe;

(b) if so, what are the details of export orders for such sets from different countries received during 1981-82 so far; and

(c) what is the number of orders which have been complied with?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS**

(SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO) and (b) Yes, Sir. An offer has been made by the company concerned against a tender floated in Algeria. The offer is under consideration. In the case of Zimbabwe and Nigeria, commercial negotiations are in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

**Socio-Economic Development of
Backward Region**

**493. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:
SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita income of the people of the five districts of Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, West Dinajpur and Malda in North Bengal; and

(b) what are the details of the programmes that have been taken up or are likely to be taken up by Government for socio-economic development of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Data regarding per capita income of the districts in West Bengal is not maintained in Planning Commission.

(b) Besides programmes in the normal plan of the State, there are certain Central programmes for areas with special problems. In the case of West Bengal all the five districts mentioned in (a) above have been declared as industrially backward districts to qualify for concessional finance from the financial institutions. Besides this, three sub-divisions of the Darjeeling district are included in the hill areas programme under which special Central assistance is admissible for approved programmes of development. The districts of Malda, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and West Dinajpur in North Bengal are also covered under the Integrated Tribal Development Programme.