

modernise India's naval weaponry by manufacturing indigenous submarines and ships integrating modern concept;

(b) if so, what are the details there of stating the extent to which dependence on foreign countries would be minimised; and

(c) what period is likely to be taken in its implementation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL):** (a) to (c) The Defence Plan (Navy) 1979-84 contains provisions for the construction of modern ships as well as submarines indigenously. Where technology is not yet available this will be obtained through technical collaboration with foreign shipyards.

One of the main aims of the current Plan is to go forward towards the aim of achieving self-reliance in the field of Naval hardware and with the successful implementation of the Plan as well as those to follow, it is hoped that a high degree of self-reliance would be achieved by the end of the decade. Further details cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

#### **Facilities to Foreign firms for industry**

2078. **PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to liberalise facilities for foreign firms to open industries in India;

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered the detrimental effect of such a policy on growth of indigenous industry;

(d) whether any special measures have been taken or proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests and growth of indigenous as well as small industries in India;

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### **Memorandum from all India Hindustan Lever Mazdoor Sabha**

2079. **SHRI J. K. JAIN:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum has since been received by the Ministry from All India Hindustan Lever Mazdoor Sabha regarding the Sales Promotion Employees; and

(b) what steps are being taken to redress the grievances of the large number of sales promotion employees of the above company as well as of other companies?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. VENKATA REDDY):** (a) and (b) Government has not received any memorandum from All India Hindustan Lever Mazdoor Sabha regarding sales promotion employees. Wherever any grievances of sales promotion employees are brought to the notice of the Government, it does its best to redress them.

#### **Number of Employment Exchanges in the Country**

2080. **SHRI J. K. JAIN:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Employment Exchanges as at present in the country;