

- (ii) Development of improved type of light weight high energy density batteries;
- (iii) Development of peripheral facilities like battery charging, safety device etc ;
- (iv) Suitable tax and excise duty concessions to industry for a specified period.

#### Manufacture of people's car

2075. SHRI RAMANANDYA-DAV:  
SHRIMATI AMARJIT  
KAUR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 350 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20-11-80 and state:

(a) whether the Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry during his recent visit to France discussed foreign collaboration to manufacture the contemplated people's car in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHA-NANA): (a) and (b) Preliminary discussions were held with French automobile manufacturers to ascertain their views in participating in a project for the manufacture of passenger cars and commercial vehicles utilising the infrastructure of Maruti Ltd. The parties have evinced interest in the proposed project.

#### गुप्ता आयोग की सिफारिशों

2076. श्री सदाशिव बागाईतकर :  
श्री रामेश्वर सिंह :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मारुति कम्पनी का राष्ट्रीयकरण करने से पहले

गुप्ता आयोग की सिफारिशों पर विचार किया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार गुप्ता आयोग की सिफारिशों पर कब निर्णय और कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

#### Recommendations of Gupta Commission

2076. SHRI SADASHIV  
BAGAITKAR:

SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the recommendations of Gupta Commission before nationalising Maruti Company; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to take decision and action on the recommendations of Gupta Commission ?]

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरणजीत चानना) : (क) तथा (ख) सरकार ने गुप्ता आयोग की सिफारिशों पर अभी अंतिम रूप से कोई विचार नहीं किया है ।

[[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CH-ANANA): (a) and (b) No final view has been taken on the recommendations of the Gupta Commission of Enquiry by the Government.]

#### Modernise India's Weaponry

2077. SHRI NAGESHWAR  
PRASAD SHAHI-. Will the Minister of  
DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to

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modernise India's naval weaponry  
by manufacturing indigenous sub  
marines and ships integrating mo  
dern 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. RAMI AL P/RIKH:  
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 CH-  
ANANA): (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 please 1 to

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