

ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Of the existing 5 Heavy Water Plants, only 3 have gone into production. However, the plant at Baroda had to be shut down due to the accidental explosion on 3rd December, 1977. The production of heavy water at Tuticorin plant was adversely affected due to higher frequency of outages of the fertilizer plant to which it is linked and power failures. The commissioning of the remaining 2 plants viz. Talcher, and Kota were delayed due to various factors. Consequently, the production of heavy water has been below targets. The cumulative demand for heavy water for the power stations will be more than the cumulative production of heavy water from indigenous heavy water plants constructed and commissioned by the end of 1983.

Investments in public sector projects in Rajasthan

280. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government's investment on Central public undertakings sector in Rajasthan is inadequate; and

(b) if so, what schemes if any, have been taken up by the Central Government to remove the anomaly?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) The location of projects on which investments are made by Central Public Undertakings are primarily determined on techno-economic considerations. Other things being equal, claims of States such as Rajasthan are kept in view while determining locations. A list of Central projects in sectors of industry and power which have been located in Rajasthan along with in-

vestment made upto March, 1978 is given below:—

	Expenditure up to March, 78 (Rs. crores)
1. Hindustan Copper Ltd.	131.66
2. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	65.33
3. Pyrites, Phosphate and Chemicals Ltd., Saladipura	1.67
4. Sambar Salt Project	1.00
5. Heavy Water Plant, Kota	42.00
6. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Ajmer	8.66
7. Instrumentation Ltd., Kota	15.20
8. Ranapratap Atomic Power Plant	151.02
TOTAL	416.54

The Draft Five Year Plan 1978—83 provides an outlay of about Rs. 104.00 crores for expansion/diversification of the above projects.

In addition there are investment* made by Central Public Undertaking* in other sectors as Central Warehousing Corporation, and Indian Tourism Development Corporation etc. for which details are not readily available.

Statement of the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission regarding Pakistan's capability for uranium enrichment technology

281. SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement reported to have been made by the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, of India to the effect that Pakistan might have a headstart over India in

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field of uranium enrichment technology; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) In his television interview on Bombay Doordarshan on June 9, 1979, the statements made by Dr. H. N. Sathna about Pakistan's capability in the field of uranium enrichment were qualified by certain presumptions on the veracity of what appeared in the news media on this subject and also Pakistan's ability to sustain such a programme without an adequate industrial base. The setting up of a commercial scale uranium enrichment facility in this country would not be an economically viable proposition, nor would it be relevant to India's present atomic energy programme.

Basic causes of increasing poverty

282. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the basic causes of growing poverty, especially amongst the urban lower middle class and rural small, marginal farmers, agricultural labourers in spite of various schemes undertaken by Government for the social and economic amelioration of these classes of people; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) The Draft Five Year Plan 1978—83 adequately deals with the causes incidence and other problems of poverty and the remedial schemes which form part of the Plan. The final Plan document which will be issued shortly deal with these aspects fully and I

Would invite the member to refer the Plan document when it is issued in order to obtain the information required by him.

Shortage of photo films

283. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN RAZACK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in regard to shortages of photo films against elements; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to overcome shortages?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Due to the delay in the arrival of imported stocks and strike lock out in Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. (HPF), the consumers experienced some difficulty in procuring their requirements of 120 Black & White roll films. The situation is being eased by import of about 100 lakh rolls during 1979-80 and by stepping up the production of HPF.

Check on communal riots

284. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to formulate guidelines for dealing with the communal riots in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a central team visited many sensitive areas and surveyed the arrangements made by the State Governments to check these communal riots;

(c) what are the areas visited by the team;

(d) whether any guidelines have been formulated by the committee on communal harmony;

(e) whether it is a fact that in spite of all these measures undertaken by