

lities to ensure quality control and improvement, where necessary BHEL, as the largest producer of boilers and the only producer of large turbines and generators has already introduced the newer and improved generation of boilers in collaboration with a reputed manufacturer abroad. It has also entered into a collaboration with another reputed company for thermal turbo-sets covering a range of 200 to 1000 MW and these sets will have improved performance and quality parameters. Other necessary measures required on the shop floor for quality control in respect of vendor items, packing, erection and commissioning are also being taken. The private companies also have access to foreign technical assistance, where required. All these measures tend to ensure quality control in respect of the manufacture of power generating equipment.]

Setting up of aluminium foil plant by Balco at Nasik

1149. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a aluminium foil plant is proposed to be set up by Balco at Nasik in Maharashtra; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV); (a) and (b) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited has been granted a letter of intent for setting up of a foil factory at Korba (MP). The feasibility report for setting up the plant is at present under consideration of the company.

Bank loans to District Industries

1180. SHRI SADASIV BAGAITKAR- Will the Minister of INDUSTRY

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of complaints from the District Industrial Centres against the nationalised banks to provide loans;

(b) whether Government have sought assistance from non-nationalised banks in the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what steps have been taken to make available loans from banks to D.I.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV); (a) No, Sir. Complaints in this regard have so far been received only from States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The Madhya Pradesh Government has drawn attention to certain cases where requests for grant of loans have not been cleared by banks within the desired period of one month, while a D.I.C. in Rajasthan has complained against the non-co-operative attitude of the bank manager in the grant of loan to an entrepreneur.

(b) Government have sought assistance of all the financial institutions including the non-nationalised banks located in different districts covered under the District Industries Centres Programme in the task of providing financial assistance to the small scale units.

(c) Does not arise,

Sale of machines by HMT

1151. SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many buyers of HMT manufactured machine tools and Swiss Petermann machines have recently complained about the lack of after-sales service;

(b) what is the number of machines sold which have reached their destinations in damaged condition; and