

latest Plan is: Draft Five Year Plan 1978—83. But there is no objection the plan being described, for the sake of brevity and convenience, as the Sixth Five Year Plan 1978—83.

**Merger of Laxmi Cotton Mills of Ahmedabad with Arvind Mills of Ahmedabad**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Labour have recommended to the Ministry of Industry to permit immediate merger of the Laxmi Cotton Mills with the Arvind Mills of Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken on the proposal; and

(d) whether Government are aware that delay in taking a decision in the matter is causing severe hardships to the unemployed workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YA-DAV): (a) and (b) The Specified Authority constituted under Section 72-A of the Income Tax Act 1961 has received an application from M/c Arvind Mills Limited for amalgamation of M/s. Ahmedabad Laxmi Cotton Mills Limited, requesting the Specified Authority to make recommendations to the Central Government under Sub-Section 1 of Section 72-A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, to the effect that the amalgamation fulfillg the conditions as laid down in the said Sub-Section.

(c) and (d) The Specified Authority has already decided that it is satisfied that the conditions laid down in Sub-Section 1 of Section 72-A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 will be fulfilled if the amalgamation is effected in accordance with the proposed scheme of amalgamation submitted to the Specified Authority. The applicant has already been informed accordingly.

**Production in HEC, Kanchi**

687. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi is declining for want of orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the annual production in the Heavy Engineering Corporation during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) No, Sir. It had declined only during the last year *i.e.* 1977-78.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Value of production during last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value of Production
1976-77	92.64
1977-78	42.15
1978-79	52.96

(April, 1978 to January, 1979)

**Review of the working of the I.S.R.O.**

688. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the Indian Space Research Organisation has been reviewed;

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

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor: and

(d) what are the details of the operations conducted by the Indian Space Research Organisation in the Nicobar group of Islands?