

Name of the State/U.T.	No. of Projects	Name of the Project (District)
24. Pondicherry . . . . .	1	The entire U.T.
25. Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . . . .	1	The entire U.T.
26. Dadra & Nagar Haveli . . . . .	1	The entire U.T.
27. Arunachal Pradesh . . . . .	2	1. Siang 2. Kameng
28. Sikkim . . . . .	1	Sikkim North (Zorethang)
TOTAL No. of projects : 112		

#### Shipping Yard at Haldia

\*7C6. SHRI SANAT KUMAR BHAHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government have been supplied with a copy of the report of the Techno-Economic Working Group as well as the report of the foreign consultants regarding the establishment of a shipbuilding yard at Haldia;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Central Government have considered the report of the Uavfcja Committee for establishment of a ship-building yard at Haldia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The report was required by the Govt. of India to enable it to assess the suitability of the various sites to come to a decision on the location of shipyards. The State Govt. were not required to take any action on the basis of these reports, it was therefore not considered necessary to supply copies of the reports to various State Governments.

(c) Yes, Sir. The report of the Working Group on Haldia headed by Shri Bavej'a, was also considered by the Government.

#### Production of Computers

♦767. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI KALP NATH RAI: SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: SHRI CH ARAN JIT CHANANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he made a statement on the 5th December, 1977, while inaugurating the 41st Session of the International Statistical Institute at New Delhi, to the effect that computerisation is necessary for the country;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to undertake indigenous production of computers to replace the IBM which leaves 150 installations after winding up its business in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce the latest model of computers suitable to the requirements of the country?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) to (c) A statement *in* laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) While inaugurating the 41st Session of the International Statistical Institute at New Delhi, I had stated,

that "The most serious lacunae in the statistical system is the long delay in obtaining the requisite information, perhaps, many other countries face the same problem. The use of electronic data processing does provide a useful means of removing some of the delays. Nevertheless, a large part of the statistical processing at the lower levels will have to depend on manual and mechanical processing for a long time to come. There is, therefore, an urgent need to consider how a judicious combination of modern electronic data processing equipment and traditional tabulation systems can be achieved to meet the urgent requirements of the country."

(b) and (c) There is no immediate replacement problem of IBM Computer System presently installed in the country. These computer systems are functioning satisfactorily, and when IBM withdraws from the country from 1-6-1978, the maintenance of these computer systems, other than those which the users would like to maintain in-house, would be taken over by the Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC). CMC is gearing itself appropriately for this purpose.

Most of the IBM 1401 Computer System would require replacement in the course of the next 5 years. Government has taken a number of steps to meet this replacement demand, as well as to cater to most of the new requirements that may come up in the near future. Towards this end, the Department of Electronics is providing technology development grants and loans for the current programmes of M/s. Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL) relating not only to their TDC-12, 312 and 316 computers, but also the development of the medium sized TDC-332 computer system. Financial support has also been given, by Department of Electronics to M/s. Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) and M/s. Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (KSEDC) for the development of computer peripherals. Letters of

Intent have been issued to a number of units for manufacture of peripherals for mini-computers such as floppy disk drives, cassette drives, alphanumeric displays etc. Industrial licensing action for mini-computers is on hand.

M/s. International Computers Ltd. (ICL) of UK have proposed the merger of M/s. ICL (India) Ltd. and M/s. International Computers India Manufacture Ltd. (ICIM) and reduction of foreign equity in the merged company to 40 per cent. This company proposes to undertake the manufacture of ICL 2904 series computers as also a range of peripherals. The ICL 2904 is a fully contemporary computer system. This proposal is under examination.

### नेशनल टेक्सटाइल्स कारपोरेशन को घाटा

\* 768. श्री भोला पासवान शास्त्री :

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही :

श्री नत्थी सिंह :

श्री प्रेम मनोहर :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि नेशनल टेक्सटाइल्स कारपोरेशन ने अपनी स्थापना के समय से आज तक कितना घाटा उठाया है और सरकार इस घाटे की पूर्ति के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

Losses suffered by N.T.C.

\*788. SHRI BHOLA PASWAN

SHASTRI: SHRI

NAGESHWAR PRASAD

SHAH: SHRI NATHI

SINGH: SHRI PREM

MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the amount of loss suffered by the National Textile Corporation since its inception and the steps Government propose to take to make up the loss?

[ ] English translation.