

Retrenchment of Defence Personnel

188. SHRISALIL KUMAR GANGULI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of defence personnel who were retrenched during the years 1971-72 and 1972-73 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK) : The requisite information is not readily available. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of oil rigs

189. SHRI J. S. ANAND : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Heavy Electricals manufacture oil rigs in collaboration with H.E.C.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that public sector undertakings are proposed to be entrusted to fabricate parts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals do not at present manufacture oil drilling rigs either by themselves or in collaboration with the Heavy Engineering Corporation.

(b) A study made by Bharat Heavy Electricals has revealed that it should be possible to indigenously manufacture oil drilling rigs by pooling the facilities available with the H.E.C. and other manufacturing units in the country. It is proposed to organise the manufacture of the oil rigs on this basis which will naturally imply the entrusting of fabrication of different components to those units as have the facility for the manufacture of such components.

Ladies watch Sujata

190. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ladies watch "Sujata" manufactured by the Hindustan Machine Tools, does not bear the second's hand; and

(b) whether Government propose to make appropriate changes in the manufacture of the watch to make it more attractive; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Cable Industry in small sector

191. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) What is the demand for E. C Grade aluminium of cable industry in the small sector registered with DGS&D exclusive of conductor industry;

The number of cable units registered in small sector and their contribution under DG-S&D Rate Contract vis-a-vis large sector units and the places of their location; and

(c) what is their capacity of consumption on E.C. Grade aluminium registered with DGS & D and how much has been allotted to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) to (c) Precise information regarding demand for E. C. grade aluminium and capacity for its consumption by the small scale cable units having rate contracts with DGS & D is not available. The DGS & D have rate contracts with 12 units in the large scale sector and 12 units in the small scale sector. The large scale units received orders for Rs. 2.72 crores and the small scale units for Rs. 2.42 crores. The small scale units are located in New Delhi, Gaziabad (U.P.), Faridabad (Haryana), Mathura (U.P.) and Poona (Maharashtra). The DGS & D has no contractual obligation for release of aluminium to the units with which it has rate contracts for the manufacture of cables.

Supply of E. C. Grade Aluminium

192. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been received to the effect that E. C. Grade aluminium is not being made available to small scale industries for the fulfilment of the orders under DGS & D Rate Contract and that raw materials especially E.C. grade aluminium and PVC Resin on the basis of registration capacities should be made available to them;