

### Production of explosives

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present production capacity of explosives in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to import explosives to meet the demand;

(c) what action has been taken by the Narendra Explosives Ltd., in executing the letter of intent issued to the Company for manufacturing industrial explosives;

(d) whether Government have received applications for manufacture of explosives during 1973, and if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(e) what action has been taken by those to whom letters of intent for the production of explosives have been issued; and

(f) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of explosives in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) The installed capacity and the annual production of explosives in the country is as follows: —

Name of the undertaking	Annual Production Installed	1973	January 1974
	capacity (Tonnes)		
1. Messrs Indian Explosives Ltd.; Calcutta . . .	28,000	25,580	2,638
2. Messrs Indian Detonators Ltd.; Hyderabad . . .	15,000	5,545	—
3. Messrs Indian Oxygen Ltd.; Calcutta . . .	2,000	1,600	125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>32,725</b>	<b>2,763</b>

Production figure of 1DL not readily available. Two letters of intent have been issued for manufacture of industrial explosives as detailed below: —

(i) Messrs Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam (Bhopal)—6,000 tonnes.

(ii) Messrs Narendra Explosives Ltd., Dehradun—10,000 tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal of Messrs Narendra Explosives Ltd., for foreign collaboration has been approved. Their applications for import of a pilot plant and of the main plant and machinery for manufacture of explosives are under consideration.

(d) The following two applications were received during 1973 for manufacture of explosives;

(i) Messrs Power Cables Ltd., Bombay, (ii) Messrs Usha Kiran Dhankar, Bombay.

These were not approved as further capacity is proposed to be set up in the public sector.

(e) Messrs Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam applied for expansion of capacity from 6,000 to 18,000 tonnes per annum but this proposal has not been approved in view of the proposed public sector plants.

As regards Messrs Narendra Explosives the position is indicated against part (c) of the question.

(f) The question of licensing additional capacity to meet the anticipated increase in demand is under consideration.

### Panel for the post of Hindi Officer

\*61L SHRI SAND A NARAYANAPPA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of candidates for the post of Hindi Officer selected by the All India Radio in September, 1973 was sent for approval to the Union Public Service Commission;