

(b) the number of persons referred to in part (a) above, in each category belonging to local area where the factory is being constructed;

(c) whether there is a proposal to shift the head office from Delhi to Visakhapatnam; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Statement showing (a) the number of staff working in Delhi and in Visakhapatnam Offices and (b) the number of persons belonging to Andhra Pradesh and Other Places (The number of persons belonging to the local area where the factory is being constructed is not separately known).

(a) Number of Staff	Officers	Other staff	Total
Delhi Office	8*	21	29
Visakhapatnam Office	5†	15	20

(b) Number of persons belonging to Andhra Pradesh and other places—

Delhi Office:

Andhra Pradesh	Nil	2	2
Other places	8	19	27

Visakhapatnam Office:

Andhra Pradesh			
Other places	1	2	

*Out of the 8 Officers, four are on deputation from the Government of India and other organisations.

†Out of the five officers 2 are on deputation one from the State Government and the other from the Fertilizer Corporation of India.

MODERNISATION OF SILK MILLS

*508. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI M. M. DHARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the steps that are being taken by Government to modernise old silk mills?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): There are only two spun silk mills in India—one, at Channapatna in Mysore State, was established in 1936 and the other, at Jagi Road in Assam in 1962. 1500

spindles and accessories valued at Rs. 17.20 lakhs have been imported from Japan by the Government of Mysore to modernise the Government Spun Silk Mills, Channapatna. A provision of Rs. 20 lakhs has been made in the Draft Fourth Plan for modernisation of the Channapatna Mills. The machinery of the Assam Spun Silk Mill is new and does not need modernisation.

FOUNDRY FORGE PLANT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*509. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL