

Proposal for setting up of NID

951. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the complete details of the proposed/brought out National Design Policy aimed to set up four institutes in various parts of the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan with a view to spread quality education in designs on pattern of NID, Ahmedabad for enhancing textile industries competitiveness and promoting made in India brands;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested for setting up a National Institute of Design (NID) at Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the response of the Ministry thereto; and

(d) by when a NID is likely to be opened at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Design Policy was approved by the Government on 8th February, 2007. The salient features of the Policy envisage setting up of four more National Institutes of Design. The Concept of a "design enabled Indian industry" would help in promoting 'Made in India' brand abroad.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to allot land at Hyderabad for setting up the Institute.

(d) It is not possible to announce a date till land is allotted.

Slow-down of industrial production growth

952. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be please to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there was a slowdown of capital, intermediate and consumer goods industrial production growth in August this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to boost industrial production growth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP), there has been a moderation in the growth of industrial production in August, 2011 as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, as given in the table below :

(in percent)

	August-2010	August-2011
Basic Goods	3.8	5.2
Capital Goods	4.7	4.0
Intermediate Goods	5.8	1.9
Consumer Goods	4.6	2.2
Overall Index	4.5	3.6

(c) Various steps have been taken by the government to boost industrial production which, *inter-alia*, include promotion and Facilitation industrial investment including foreign direct investment; improvement in business environment; development of industrial and other infrastructure through public-private initiatives; development of industry relevant skills etc. Government in November, 2011 also announced a National Manufacturing Policy, which aims at bringing down compliance burden of industry through self-regulation and help industry to become globally competitive.

Review of FDI Policy

953. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to bring various public sectors under its ambit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indo-US CEO Forum has recommended to increase FDI in retail trade, agriculture, and introduce full capital account convertibility;

(d) whether Government proposes to accept the recommendations of Indo-US CEO Forum; and