

Name of the country from which imported	Quantity in tonnes
(2) Epoxy Resins :	
1. Japan . . . . .	382
2. Switzerland . . . . .	006
3. United Kingdom . . . . .	6,614
4. U.S.A. . . . .	2,660
5. Denmark . . . . .	001
6. German Federal Republic . . . . .	3,484
7. Malasia . . . . .	0.08
8. U.S.S.R. . . . .	1,060
TOTAL . . . . .	14,287

Note : The above figures are provisional.

†Production of Bisphenol A and epichlorohydrin

785. SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of Bisphenol A and epichlorohydrin consumed and produced annually in India and the names of the producers ; and

(b) what was the quantity of Bisphenol A and epichlorohydrin imported from each country during the year 1975 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA) : (a) Bisphenol 'A' is produced by two units in the organised sector viz., Messrs. Cibatul Limited, Bulsar and Messrs. Piramal Organic Chemicals Limited, Bombay and also by three small units in the small scale sector. The total production and consumption is about 374 tonnes per annum.

Epichlorohydrin is not being produced in the country at present and the entire demand is met by imports. The import of epichlorohydrin during 1975 was about 66.8 tonnes.

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(b) Figures for the import of Bisphenol 'A' are not separately classified in the Indian Foreign Trade Statistics. The details regarding imports of Epichlorohydrin during 1975 are given below :—

Name of the country from which imports were made	Quantity (in tonnes)
(1) Japan	64.48
(2) Federal Republic of Germany	2.35
Total	66.83

†Extension of Credit Guarantee Scheme to cover small-scale ancillary units

786. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to extend the Credit Guarantee Scheme to cover small-scale ancillary units ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hitherto the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Small scale industries covered only such industrial undertakings in which the investment in plant and machinery was not in excess of Rs. 7.5 lakhs in line with the general definition of "small scale industries". The general definition of "small scale industries" and "ancillary industries" was revised in May 1975 by raising the ceiling on investment in plant and machinery to Rs. 10 lakhs and Rs. 15 lakhs in the case of "small scale industries" and 'ancillary industries' respectively. The facility of Credit Guarantee Scheme was, however, extended in August 1975 to all undertakings having investment in plant and machinery not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs, irrespective of the fact whether the unit

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is 'small scale industry' or 'ancillary industry'. On further consideration the facility of Credit Guarantee scheme has been extended to cover 'ancillary units' with investment in plant and machinery beyond Rs. 10 lakhs but not exceeding Rs. 15 lakhs in line with the general definition of 'ancillary industries'.

### Sugar Cooperatives

787. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) The number of sugar cooperatives, in different States, with their fixed assets financed from their internal resources;

(b) the number of sugar cooperatives running at a loss; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance Government have so far given to these cooperatives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) 97 cooperative sugar factories were in production during the sugar season 1974-75. A State-wise statement regarding the number of cooperative sugar factories and their fixed assets covered by internal resources is enclosed. [See Appendix XCV, Annexure No. 60].

(b) Information is available only in respect of cooperative sugar factories in production on 30th June, 1974. Of the 91 cooperative sugar factories in production, 36 incurred losses during the year ended 30th June, 1974.

(c) The amounts contributed by the State Governments to the share-capital of cooperative sugar factories in production during 1974-75 season is given in column 6 of the statement referred to in reply to part (a) of this Question.

†Foreign collaboration proposals approved with multi-national companies

788. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :  
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA :  
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 1975 a total number of 271 proposals for foreign collaborations were approved by Government ;

(b) if so, how many of them are with multi-nationals ;

(c) what are their equity shares ;

(d) the names of the main Indian subsidiary companies which are involved in the collaboration ;

(e) whether Government have taken note of the recommendations made by the expert committee of the National Committee on Science and Technology regarding foreign collaborations ; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) to (f) A statement is attached. [See Appendix XCV, Annexure No. 61].

### FAREWELL TO RETIRING MEMBERS

MR. CHAIRMAN : As you all know, one-third of our Members will be retiring on the 2nd April this year. Many of them may return. I wish to bid farewell to all those who may not be coming back. I must first thank them for their unstinted co-operation extended to me in ensuring the smooth working of this House. We

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