

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Achievement of Production Targets by Heavy Industrial Units

*121. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heavy industrial units under the Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies which have achieved their targetted production in the first six months of the current financial year; and

(b) whether there have been any power-cuts and non-receipt of imported and indigenous materials in matching quantities and shortage of working capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE). (a) Amongst the heavy industrial units, under the purview of the Department of Heavy Industry, the Tiruchirapally and the Bhopal units of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. have attained a production of 106 per cent and 105 per cent of the targetted production respectively during the first six months of the current year 1974-75. Heavy Machine Tool Plant of the Heavy Engineering Corporation has achieved 122 per cent of the targetted production and tractors production by the Hindustan Machine Tools has been 114 per cent of the target during the same six months period. Although targetted production has not been achieved by the other units, some of them have achieved a production above 90 per cent of the target. These include Bharat Heavy Electricals as a whole (91 per cent), Tungabhadra Steel Products (91 per cent) and Richardson and Cruddas (94 per cent).

(b) Yes, Sir. Persistent power shortage in most of the states, paucity of raw materials and components,

both indigenous and imported, in matching quantities and shortage of working capital have been mainly responsible for the shortfall in production.

Report of Fuel Policy Committee

*126. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fuel Policy Committee has suggested in its report for the complete withdrawal of any subsidy in respect of power to any industry including agriculture; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Fuel Policy Committee has stated in its report that there is generally no case for subsidising the cost of power supply to any industry including agriculture.

(b) The report is under examination by the Government and no decision has so far been taken

Smuggling of Uranium

*127. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state-

(a) whether Uranium in huge quantity has been smuggled from India during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether any gang has been unearthed recently by the C.B.I. and

(c) if so, names of the persons arrested so far, the places where they were arrested and steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY): (a) and (b). No, Sir.