

ment for private residences was about 78 per cent of the total allocation. Now the Delhi Administration feels that cement should be allotted on high priority basis for developmental work and should not be given to private people for some time to come.

**Shri Buta Singh:** There is a widespread impression in the capital about the prevalence of large-scale corruption in the office of the Civil Supplies Department of Delhi. What is the agency with the Government to verify whether this impression is right or wrong? Can the Minister assure this House that an inquiry will be made into the complaints received by them?

**Shri Bibudhendra Misra:** Not to the plights that this department is not functioning well and there is corruption?

**Shri Bibudhendra Misra:** Not to the knowledge of the Government. If any complaint comes to our notice, certainly we will look into that.

#### Productivity Year

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\*714. { Shri P. C. Boroah:  
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Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the year 1966 will be observed as Productivity Year;

(b) if so, the broad features of the plan; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry & Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir. The National Productivity Council (NPC) of India which is an autonomous organisation aided by the Government of India has decided to observe the year 1966 as India Productivity Year.

(b) The plan aims at widening and deepening national awareness of the importance of Productivity as a vital factor of economic growth. To this end the range of productivity activities initiated, developed and presented by NPC since 1958 would be further extended and intensified during 1966. It is proposed to associate a large number of organisations in carrying out planned activities throughout the year. The organisations will include industrial enterprises, associations of industries, chambers of commerce, universities, labour unions, management training institutes, government departments, defence establishments, bodies concerned with agricultural development, and professional institutions. The activities will include productivity fairs at several places, films on productivity, productivity awards, essay contests, broadcasts, newspaper supplements on productivity, special training programmes and seminars, posters, flags, badges and publications. All these will be designed to stimulate a wider and deeper appreciation of the value and validity of productivity in industry, agriculture, commerce, public administration, defence and other sectors of human activity. To ensure effective implementation of the activities, the National Productivity Council has decided to set up National and State and Local Committees.

(c) Estimates of expenditure are under preparation.

**Shri P. C. Boroah:** It is mentioned in the statement that National, State and Local Committees of the National Productivity Council are being formed. May I know in which States they have been formed?

**Shri Bibudhendra Misra:** So far as I know, the consent of the Prime Minister has been obtained for the National Productivity Council to have its committees. The National Productivity Council has issued the note in the month of March. I think they are going to be formed soon.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** It is also mentioned in the statement that the Council is going to have exhibitions. Will they be State-wise or only at one place?

**Shri Bibudhendra Misra:** It will depend upon the location of industries and other factors.

**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact as to whether there has been any reasonable impact of the productivity movement in the field of production and, if so, which State has stood first in this?

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):** It is very difficult to say about a particular State. But I can assure the hon. Member and the House that productivity movement has produced good results and it is appreciated by industrialists also.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether productivity is confined to industry alone or it is extended to agriculture and other fields also in the interests of the country?

**Shri Bibudhendra Misra:** Not only the industrialists but labour union leaders, representatives of public sector undertakings and even technicians are invited.

#### Export of Textiles

\*715. **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the steps taken to face the severe competition from Japan in the matter of export of textiles to East African countries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Special efforts are being made to improve our textiles trade with East African markets. A delegation was

sent by the State Trading Corporation in December 1964, to Tanganyika to negotiate with the Cooperative Supply Association of Tanganyika Limited for the sale of Indian Textiles. A delegation from Tanganyika is expected to visit India in April 1965 at the invitation of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council for establishing contacts between the textile industries of the two countries. A Textile Delegation of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council visited East Africa recently to study the market conditions in that region with a view to increasing our exports. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council is also taking steps to improve our competitive position in the East African markets.

**Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:** In view of the competition from Japan, if we lose the African market, has the Government in view some other market for our products?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** There is no question of our losing the market. We are making every attempt to see that our trade with East Africa improves. We are sending delegations. A sales team had gone there. Members of the Indian Textile Promotion Council had also gone there. We are taking every possible step to increase our trade with East Africa

12.00 hrs.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

#### Fire in the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

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7. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Kapur Singh:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:**  
**Shri Yudhvair Singh:**  
**Shri Lahri Singh:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state: