

(e) whether the increase in the upper ceiling on capital investment would raise the possibility of entering of large scale and medium scale industries in this sector; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to safeguard the interest of SSI sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN) : (a), (b), (e) and (f). The proposal of the Department of SSI & ARI to increase the ceiling on investment in small scale units and a few other related issues have been considered by the Committee of Secretaries (COS). No final decision has, however, yet been taken by the Department on these recommendations.

(c) and (d). In term of numbers, most of the small scale units are set up with a capital investment of upto Rs. one lakh. As per the Second Census of Small Scale Industries conducted on the base year 1987-88, units with investment in plant & machinery (original value) upto Rs. one lakh constitute 82% of the total number of SSI units. This figure is not available for the year 1994-95 because such information is collected only during Census operation.

National Literacy Mission

*29. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are resorting to a large scale publicity and propagation of National Literacy Mission;

(b) if so, the number of districts of the country placed under the category of 'full literacy' and the number of those placed under 'Post Literacy Campaign', State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decisions of making amendments to the aims of National Literacy Mission by 2000 A.D.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 379 districts are covered under Total Literacy Campaign and 160 districts are covered under Post Literacy Campaign. A Statement giving State-wise number of districts covered under Total Literacy and Post Literacy is enclose as statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

State-wise list of number of districts covered under Total/ Post Literacy Campaigns

State/UTs	TLCs (Number of Districts)	PLCs
Andhra Pradesh	23	22
Assam	18	6

State/UTs	TLCs (Number of Districts)	PLCs
Bihar	27	5
Delhi	1	-
Goa	2	-
Gujarat	19	12
Haryana	15	2
Himachal Pradesh	12	8
Jammu & Kashmir	2	-
Karnataka	19	12
Kerala	14	14
Madhya Pradesh	45	10
Maharashtra	24	11
Manipur	1	-
Meghalaya	3	-
Orissa	17	9
Punjab	7	2
Rajasthan	24	6
Tamil Nadu	23	17
Tripura	3	-
Uttar Pradesh	56	8
West Bengal	17	11
Chandigarh	1	1
Daman & Diu	1	-
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	-
Pondicherry	4	4
	379	160

Rate of Growth

*30. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the areas of industry which have not registered notable rate of growth during last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN) : (a) and (b). As per Quick Index of Industrial Production released by CSO, the overall growth of industry was 6% in 1993-94, 8.6% in 1994-95 and 12% during April-September, 1995. Since 1993-94 onwards, all the three broad sectors of industry have shown notable rate of growth.

(c) Industry has shown remarkable recovery and significant growth after the New Industrial Policy announcement in 1991. The review of industrial performance is a continuous process and remedial measures are taken as and when required.

IRS-IC Satellite

*31. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently the third Indian Remote Sensing Satellite IRS-IC equipped with powerful cameras has been launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred on fabrication of this Satellite; and

(d) by when this Satellite is likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The second-generation, Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, IRS-IC, was launched on December 28, 1995 by the Russian Molniya Launcher from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The Satellite has three imaging sensors, namely :

- *Linear Imaging Self Scanner (LISS-III)*, a multispectral sensor operating in visible, near-infrared (IR) spectral bands with spatial resolution of 23.5 meters and a Short Wave Infrared (IR) (SWIR) band with a resolution of 70.5 meters. The sensor covers a swath of 148 kms.
- *Panchromatic (PAN)* camera with a resolution of 5.8 meters with across track stereo viewing capability and covering a swath of 70 kms.
- *Wide-Field Sensor (WIFS)* operating in visible and near-IR region with a spatial resolution of 188 meters and a wide swath of 810 kms.

(c) The project cost of the combined IRS-IC & ID project is Rs. 185.85 crores which includes the fabrication and development of IRS-IC satellite and its successor, IRS-ID; establishment of test facilities; upgradation of data reception station and other ground segment elements. Out of the sanctioned cost, an expenditure of Rs. 174.00 crores has so far been incurred.

(d) The Satellite has already started functioning well and data over India from the three sensors are being regularly received and processed at the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad.

[English]

Utilisation of Ethanol

*32. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to popularise the use of Ethanol, a by-product of sugarcane, as fuel;

(b) if so; the advancement made in this direction so far; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 25 buses used ethanol on dual-fuel mode of ethanol-diesel (14% ethanol) and 93 cars were run on petrol blended with 10% ethanol. Total fuel saving was 65,000 litres of diesel and 20,000 liters of petrol respectively.

(c) In the current year it is proposed to extend the programme to 100 more vehicles.

Coaching Classes for Minority Communities

*33. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has formulated any guidelines on the coaching classes for competitive examinations for minority communities under the 12 point programme for the welfare of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take to popularise the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b). Under the 15-point programme for the Welfare of Minorities, the University Grants Commission has been assisting Universities and colleges for organising coaching classes for competitive examinations. The revised guidelines issued by University Grants Commission in 1993 envisage a financial assistance for a period of five years to Universities comprising a non-recurring grant of Rs. 2.50 lakhs and a recurring grant of Rs. 1.50 lakhs per annum. The corresponding provisions for colleges are Rs. 1.50 lakhs (NR) and Rs. 1.00 lakhs (R) respectively.

(c) The Department of Education has requested Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to give adequate publicity to the above Scheme through electronic and print media. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have issued instructions to Media Units to provide adequate publicity to the scheme.