

duction in the country has been adversely affected due to power shortage during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any steps to provide adequate power to the cement manufacturing units to boost the production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Some cement plants have reported difficulties in optimising cement production on account of power shortage during the current financial year. The impact on the cement production on this account, however, has been marginal, as a large number of cement plants have installed captive power plants to meet a part of their power requirements. Cement production till November, 1991 has been 34.5 million tonnes against the pro-rata target of 36.67 million tonnes.

Central Investment in Tamil Nadu

3392. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to increase the Central investment in the Industrial sector in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to increase the central investment on new central public sector enterprises in the State of Tamil Nadu during the remaining period of the current year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Investments in the central public sector enterprises are made on techno-economic considerations keeping in view the balanced regional development of the country.

Modernisation and Expansion of P.S.Us. in Tamil Nadu

3393. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to modernise and expand the Central Public Undertakings in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Construction of Quarters for Government Employees in Almora and Pithoragarh Distt. of U.P.

3394. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the construction of the quarters for the Central Government Employees in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh in the current year; and

(b) the number of quarters of various categories available for the employees working in Raniketh and Almora?