

Industrial Policy Resolution

500. **Shri V. Krishnamoorthy:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samantia:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any proposal to revise the 'Industrial Policy Resolution' to adjust it to the current needs of industrial production; and

(b) if so, the nature of such revision and its impact on small scale industries?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deposits of Rock Phosphate

501. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri F. Ramamoorthy:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether large deposits of rock phosphate have been located in the Mussoorie area of the Himalayan foothills and in the Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the estimated quantum of deposits;

(c) the time by which the production of rock phosphate is likely to start; and

(d) whether Government propose to give priority to the production of rock phosphate in view of foreign exchange situation?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 4.7 million tonnes in Birmanisa area of Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan

and 0.8 million tonnes in Mussoorie area, Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Production of rock phosphate can be taken up only on completion of detailed investigation which is in progress. The Fertilizer Corporation of India has proposed to take up mining of outcrops in the Jaisalmer area for which they have applied to the State Government for Mining Lease. This has not been granted so far.

(d) Government has accorded priority to the production of rock phosphate within the country.

Air-Conditioned Trains

502. **Shri Onkar Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of air-conditioned trains introduced so far, the amount spent on them and the amount of foreign exchange expended on them?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): Tri-weekly Air-conditioned Express trains each on Bombay-New Delhi, New Delhi-Amritsar and New Delhi-Howrah routes, a bi-weekly Airconditioned service on New Delhi-Madras route and a weekly Air-conditioned service each on Bombay-Madras, Madras-Howrah and Howrah-Bombay (via Nagpur) routes have so far been introduced on the Indian Railways.

The amount spent on the construction of the above 8 Air-conditioned Express trains including spare stock comes to Rs. 3.54 crores approximately, which includes foreign exchange element of Rs. 92.5 lakhs approximately.

Over-crowding in Passenger Trains

503. **Shri Onkar Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to reduce over-crowding in III Class compartments of passenger trains; and

(b) the number of passengers who travelled in each Class last year?