

Market Position and Safeguards to Consumers

*438. SHRI BAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to sustain the buyers market in the country;

(b) whether Government are also considering the measures to see that there is no return of the sellers market in which industries and profiteers could exploit the consumers as in the past, and

(c) if so, broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The measures contemplated are essentially similar to those adopted in 1975-76 namely augmentation of production of items of mass consumption removal of transport bottlenecks expansion and streamlining of public distribution system, enforcement of anti hoarding measures monitoring of prices and availability of essential commodities and strengthening of consumer cooperative activities These are being re-inforced by reliefs announced in the recent Budget and through frequent dialogues with the industry and the trade with a view to ensuring consumer oriented production and distribution

Expansion and Setting up of Public Sector Units in Fifth Plan

*440 SHRI S M BANERJEE Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state-

(a) the names of public sector units proposed to be expanded in the Fifth Five Year Plan, and

(b) the names of new heavy industries which are proposed to be set up in public sector in the Fifth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI I K GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The names of public sector units proposed to be expanded and the new heavy industries proposed to be set up in the public sector during the Fifth Five Year Plan are indicated in the relevant chapters of the Draft Fifth Five Year Plan document, Part II presented to Parliament Brief particulars regarding the important expansions/new projects included in the Draft Fifth Five Year Plan are given in the statements laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-10645/76]

Setting up of Advance Mineral Development Laboratory by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in Madhya Pradesh

2106 SHRI G C DIXIT Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research propose to establish an advance Mineral Development Laboratory in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI I K GUJRAL) A proposal for the establishment of a Regional Research Laboratory/Complex at Madhya Pradesh is under consideration Mineral development may form a part of the programme of the Laboratory at Madhya Pradesh

Progress achieved in execution of programmes in first year of Fifth Plan

2107 PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether an appraisal has been made of the progress achieved in the execution of the programmes in the first year of the Fifth Five Year Plan by the Central and the State Governments; and

(b) if so, a brief outline of the appraisal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI I K GUJRAL): (a) and (b). The annual