

“Pollution by Steel/Cement Plants in the Country”

1260. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the major steel/cement plants of our country have now been surrounded by habitation;

(b) whether these industrial units are not fully equipped to control pollution caused by smoke/gas and effluents; and

(c) whether a thorough survey of these units will be made and steps taken to check the present pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) All the major steel plants are equipped with pollution control facilities. Majority of cement plants have pollution control systems which are functioning satisfactorily. Some of them need improvement in their performance.

(c) A survey has been made on the effluents of steel plants and the concerned authorities have been directed for necessary action. An inventory on pollution control status in cement plants has also been made. Standards have been prescribed for control of emissions from the steel and cement plants.

Outlay for Minimum Needs Programme for West Bengal

1261. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal is lagging behind in achieving the objectives of the Minimum Needs Programme included in the States Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so :—

(i) the sectors/objectives in which West Bengal is lagging behind;

(ii) what was the target for achieving these objectives by 1984-85;

(iii) to what extent this objective has been achieved so far, and

(iv) what was the total outlay approved by the Planning Commission for [such Programmes in West Bengal for the period 1980-85 and to what extent this outlay was utilised by the Government of West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Attached statements I and II show respectively the financial and the physical targets and achievements under the different components of the Minimum Needs Programme in West Bengal during the Sixth Plan (1980—85).

Statement-I*Minimum Needs Programme**Sixth Plan (1980—85)—West Bengal
(Outlay/Expenditure)*

(Rs. lakhs)

Name of the Programme	Sixth Plan 1980—85 Agreed Outlay	Sixth Plan 1980—85 likely expenditure
1	2	3
Rural Electrification	1388	1127
Rural Roads	3750	2900
Elementary Education	12750	8184
Adult Education		467
Rural Health	2588	1984
Rural Water Supply	4800	3002
Rural House-sites-cum construction schemes	1200	775
Environmental improvement of slums	2700	1895
Nutrition	2500	2205
Total	31670	22539

Statement-II*Minimum Needs Programme**Sixth Plan (1980—85)—Targets Likely Achievements—West Bengal*

Programme	Unit	Sixth Plan (1980—85)	
		Target	Likely Achievement
1	2	3	4
<i>Rural Roads</i>			
Villages with			
(i) population 1500 and above	Nos.	3753	3723
(ii) population 1000-1500	„	2056	1969

1	2	3	4
<i>Rural Health</i>			
Sub-Centres	Nos.	3000	4316
Primary Health Centres	„	30	22
Subsidiary Health Centres	„	150	70
Community Health Centres	„	45	16
<i>Elementary Education</i>			
Classes (I-VIII)			
Boys	000's	5663	5973
Girls	„	4317	4352
Total	„	9980	10325
<i>Adult Education</i>	Lakh persons	Not fixed	18.73 (Approximately)
<i>House-sites-cum-House Construction</i>			
(a) House-sites allotted	Number	60,000	37,752
(b) Construction Assistance	„	85,000	54,886
<i>Environmental Improvement of Slums</i>			
Slum dwellers benefited	Number	18,00,000	6,39,000
<i>Nutrition</i>			
SNP	Lakhs	Not fixed	6.5
MDM	Lakhs	Not fixed	35
<i>Rural Water Supply</i>			
No. of problems villages covered	Nos.	10687	11758 (Upto Dec. 1984)
<i>Rural Electrification</i>			
Villages Electrified	No.	3060	2521
Pumpsets energised	„	6800	1187