

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) the steps being taken to fill up the gap so created ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government proposes to re-constitute the Commission shortly.

Planning Commission's suggestion to close down sick public undertakings

**4318. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested the closure of some of the sick public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the names of those sick units;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested some measures to protect the indigenous capital goods industry; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) No such specific suggestion has been received.

(d) Does not arise

(c) and (d). The group of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Planning) submitted a report on policy outline for reduction in the imports of capital goods by the Public Sector Projects. The main thrust of recommendations is better utilisation of the capacity of the public sector capital goods manufacturers through a longer term and sustained approach towards techno-

logy upgradation, strengthening of the capabilities of the public sector capital goods manufacturers and developing effective linkages with the user sector. The Government have broadly accepted the recommendations and have directed the concerned Ministries to take necessary action.

Impact of Freight Hike

4319. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the impact of the recent freight hike effected by the Railways on the industrial goods and raw materials; and

(b) the estimated cost escalation thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) and (b) The impact of the revision of freight structure with effect from 1.12.86 in case of certain important industrial commodities on wholesale price index has been estimated by Ministry of Railways as under :

Commodity	Percentage increase in whole sale price index (direct)	Percentage increase in whole sale price index (total)
Coal	0.072	0.169
Iron & Steel	0.008	0.039
Plates		
Iron & steel structurals	0.006	0.038
H. S. Diesel oil	0.019	0.019*
Kerosene	0.012	0.012*
Petrol	0.006	0.006
Cement	0.023	0.032
Fertiliser	0.023	0.100
Lime Stone	0.021	0.021*
Salt	0.001	0.001*

*These are direct impact figures taken from column 2 as total figures are not available.