

Aonia	(in MT) Jagdishpur
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5,34,462	4,03,827

Cement Production

998. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the RIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cement produced in the country during 1991-92 vis-a-vis the domestic requirement;

(b) whether the government have received some new applications for setting up cement factories keeping in view the shortage of cement; and

(c) if so, the number of new cement factories likely to be set up in the private sector this year, the location thereof and the extent to which the shortage of cement would be met by the setting up of these factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J.KURIEN): (a) Against a projected domestic demand of 54 million tonnes of cement during 1991-92, the production target has been fixed at 55 million tonnes. The actual production of cement during April-September, 1991, was 25.8 million tonnes as compared to 23.2 million tonnes production during the corresponding period of 1990-1 i.e. a growth of 11%.

(b) There is no shortage of cement in the country. Under the new Licensing Policy, cement industry has been delicensed and as such, the companies do not have to submit applications to the Government for setting up of new cement factories. However, a total of 28 companies have filed Information Memoranda intimating their intention to manufacture cement.

(c) A capacity of about 2.2 million tonnes is expected to materialise by way of expansions during the current year.

Fertilizer Manufacturing Units Under F.C.I.

999. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer manufacturing units functioning at corporation of India;

(b) the names of the units in which production has been suspended;

(c) whether production in the fertilizer factory at Gorakhpur has also been suspended for the last one and a half years; and

(d) if so, the action being taken to revive the said factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) There are four fertilizer producing units under the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd, located at Sindri in Bihar, Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh, Talcher in Orissa, and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c). The production of fertilizer was suspended in Gorakhpur unit w.e.f. 10th June, 1990.

(d) the Company has engaged consultants for carrying out health survey of the plant.

[English]

Overhauling of Planning Methodology and Procedures

1000. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to overhaul the planning methodology and procedures, as reported in the Statesman dated September 30, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) The organisations with whom interaction would take place in this regard; and

(d) whether the State Governments would also be consulted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) the Planning Commission has been contemplating a reorientation in the approach to planning in order to tackle the imbalances in the overall economic management and to make appropriate adjustments to the vastly changed and fast changing scenario.

(b) Such reorientation would broadly consist of rationalisation of plan expenditure, completing on-going schemes before rushing on with large number of new schemes, weeding out schemes and projects which do not make economic sense, properly funding schemes so as to avoid cost and time overruns, generating additional resources through non-inflationary measures, transferring effective authority to

the State Governments, a gradual shift to indicative planning and greater reliance on private initiative and non-governmental organisations.

(c) and (d). These and such other suggestions will be discussed with the Central Ministries and the States in the round of discussions on Eighth Plan and will also be considered in the forthcoming meeting of the National Development Council.

Super Computer Params

1001. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Computers Params are being made indigenously;

(b) if so, how these super computers differ with other computers in their performances;

(c) the names of other countries which are capable of producing super computers; and

(d) the areas where these super computers are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) PARAM parallel super Computers have a peak computing power of 1000 Mega Flops. With respect to the mainframe computers and workstations which are currently being manufactured in the country, PARAM'S computing performance exceeds by a factor over 100 for the 256 node machine.

(c) Conventional Super Computers are available only from USA and Japan. However, Parallel Super Computers have been