507 Written Answers

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Losses by Cement Corporation of India

3253. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has been incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, the total accumulated losses of CCI;

(c) since when these losses are being incurred and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The total accumulated losses of CCI as per the audited Balance Sheet is Rs. 178.14 crores as on 31.3.92.

(c) CCI has been incurring losses since its inception except for the years 1971-72, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1979-80 to 1983-84 and 1991-92. The reasons for losses are time & cost over runs of projects, location & infrastructural constraints, lack of optimal capacity utilisation and large overhead costs.

(d) The performance of CCI is being improved by preventive & planned maintenance of the units, improved monitoring & control systems, improved communication systems and better marketing strategies.

Sealing of Border

3254. SHRI GEROGE FERNANDES:

> SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

 (a) whether the army has successfully identified and sealed all possible infiltration routes along the line of control (LOC) and the international borders;

(b) if so, the extent to which the infiltration has been reduced as a result thereof; and

(c) its impact on the militant movement in the Kashmir Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEFENCE MINISTRY OF (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Likely infiltration routes along the Line of Control and the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir have been identified. Infiltration has been greatly reduced as a result of Army/BSF deployment. However due to the nature of the terrain, it is not possible to completely seal the border. By reducing the infiltration into the Kashmir Valley, the level of militancy has been controlled to a great extent.

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Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen in Gujarat and Orissa

3255. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :