

(b) The expenditure incurred on the various research programmes (including supporting services) of the Department during 1976-77 is around 60.48 crores.

Supply of Cement to Kerala

1333. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of cement in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quarterly quota of cement allocated to Kerala State and actual supply of the same at present; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the quota of cement for that State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) and (b). Reports of non-availability of cement have been received from different parts of the country including Kerala State due to inadequate production as a result of power cuts and a sudden spurt in demand also. To distribute the shortfall equitably a cut had also to be made in the States' quota.

(c) and (d). The quarterly allocation of cement to the Kerala State and the actual despatches during 1976 and first quarter of 1977 are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

| Quarter | Allocation | Despatches |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Qr. I/76 | 1.50 | 1.78 |
| Qr. II/76 | 1.50 | 2.13 |
| Qr. III/76 | 2.25 | 1.52 |
| Qr. IV/76 | 2.00 | 1.90 |
| Qr. I/77 | 1.75 | 1.82 |

The State Government has been persuaded to give more power to the cement factories in the State of Tamil

Nadu on the condition that 70 per cent of the extra production of cement from such factories would be allocated to Kerala State. This will result in an additional allocation of 2 lakh tonnes to Kerala State.

Memorandum from Mysore Tools Employees' Association Bangalore

1334. SHRI MUKUNDA MONDAL:

SHRI R. P. DAS:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Mysore Tools Employees' Association Bangalore;

(b) whether the management of Mysore Tools Ltd. Bangalore has not paid wages to workers and staff for nearly 11 months; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Radical change in the Planning Process

1335. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make radical changes in the planning process; if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether Shri Subramaniam Swamy, M.P. has submitted any formulations to him in this connection and, if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) how they differ materially from the existing policy?