

(e) whether there is any proposal to order an enquiry into the affairs of the Society and fix responsibility for such huge losses and take action against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) The annual assistance provided by Government towards the salary of superior staff of the Society is approximately Rs. 1.5 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The total amount of accumulated loss upto 1974-75 was Rs. 10.66 lakhs. In the year 1974-75, the Society earned a net profit of Rs. 1.83 lakhs. While the un-audited accounts (provisional) for the year 1975-76 indicate a net loss of Rs. 6.06 lakhs, the audit for the year 1976-77 is yet to be taken up and as such no figures of loss (or profit) for this year can be given at this stage.

(d) Vigorous and concerted efforts have been made by the Society to check its expenses by resorting to various measures such as reduction of staff, curtailment of office expenditure, diversification of business, effective inventory control, quick clearance of disposable items, organisation of clearance sales, closing down of certain counters for the sale of textiles which had turned out to be uneconomic, etc.

(e) No, Sir.

International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation Conference

1231. **SHRI D. D. DESAI:** Will the Minister of **ATOMIC ENERGY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have participated in the working groups set up by International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation Conference at Washington in October, 1977;

(b) if so, whether such participation implies India accepting interna-

tional restrictions on development of nuclear technology that nuclear powers are anxious to impose on non-nuclear powers; and

(c) if not, what other restrictions will this participation impose on development of our own nuclear technology?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes Sir. Government has recently participated in the Organizing Conference of the International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation, held in Washington in October, 1977.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Our participation in the Evaluation Study is not subject to any prior restrictions or commitments with regard to the development of nuclear technology.

Growth rate of Industrial Production

1232. **SHRI HITENDRA DESAI:**
SHRI D. D. DESAI:

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to state the growth rate of industrial production in the last two quarters?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The last full quarter for which data from the Central Statistical Organisation are available is April-June, 1977. The rate of growth of industrial production in the two quarters ending March 31st and June 30th, 1977 is 8.8 per cent and 4.6 per cent respectively.

Study of the Small Scale Industries by Administrative Staff College of India

1233. **DR. HENRY AUSTIN:**
SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to entrust a study of