

Rate of Industrial Growth

2446. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial growth rate during 1977-78 decelerated to just 3.5 per cent against targeted growth rate of 5 to 6 per cent ;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor ;

(c) in the light of this deceleration in the rate of industrial growth whether Government expect to attain the target fixed for the year 1978-79 ; and

(d) if so, on what basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI) : (a) The rate of growth during 1977-78 was 3.5 per cent. No specific target was fixed for the last year.

(b) The lower rate of growth in 1977-78 was the result of slower growth in power, coal and textile industries and decline in the production of basic metals and transport equipment. The factors for the above vary from industry to industry (e.g. shortage of power, lack of sufficient capacity, shortage of some critical inputs like explosives, industrial relations and insufficient demand, etc.).

(c) and (d). Given adequate response from industry, it is expected that a rate of growth of 7-8 per cent in industry will be achieved in 1978-79. There has already been substantial improvement during April-June 1978 in electricity generation and production of industries like aluminium, commercial vehicles, paper and paper board, chemicals and a number of consumer industries, including textiles. A programme has been drawn up for meeting targets in respect of selected industries, for ensuring adequate supplies of raw materials and other inputs and for monitoring of industrial production.

Setting up of Cement Factories in Rajuna District, Chandrapur

2447. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that this Government has given licences to start 3 cement

factories in Rajuna Tehsil of Chandrapur district in Maharashtra;

(b) whether they all are going to be in public sector or private sector;

(c) whether Government will force the management to give 95 per cent services and work to the people of the the Chandrapur district as per Government decision; and

(d) since when they all are starting the work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI) : (a) and (b). Two licences were issued for setting up of new cement plants in the Rajuna Tehsil of Chandrapur District of Maharashtra in the year 1973 and 1974. As these schemes did not make any progress, these licences were revoked in 1977.

Five new schemes for the manufacture of cement in Rajuna have been received. The Government of Maharashtra have recommended the approval of only two of these schemes. These are being processed. All the schemes are proposed to be set up in the private sector.

(c) There are instructions about the employment of local people which have to be followed by the managements concerned.

(d) The entrepreneurs will start the work after their schemes are approved by the Government.

बड़े औद्योगिक गृहों की पूंजी

2448. श्री भारत सिंह चौहान :

श्री सुभाष झाड़ा :

श्री यज्ञ दत्त शर्मा :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बड़े औद्योगिक गृहों की पूंजी में पिछले कुछ वर्षों में वृद्धि हुई है ;