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(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). In his recent visit to Delhi, the former Chogyal had talks with the Prime Minister during which he cleared some of the misunderstandings in regard to his position and placed before the Prime Minister his personal problems relating to the illness of his daughter and education of his children abroad.

Representation from Indian Chamber of Commerce re. increase in coal price

4229. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Chamber of Commerce has represented to Government that any increase in coal prices is unjustified; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No representation has been received from the Indian Chambers of Commerce but a representation against increase in coal price has been received from Bharat Chamber of Commerce.

(b) The Government has not so far increased the price of coal. If and when it is decided to do so the impact of such an increase on the consuming sectors would be taken into consideration.

Working capital crisis in sick textile units controlled by N.T.C.

4230. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of adequate working capital has created a

critical situation for a large number of sick textile units controlled by National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the commercial banks have not disbursed a major part of the credit sanctioned to the N.T.C. mills; and

(c) if so, what are the facts thereof and steps being taken to advance sufficient capital to the N.T.C. mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Crisis in Pottery Industry

4231. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pottery industry is in crisis; and

(b) if so, the nature of crisis and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) Government have not received any reports about the crisis in the pottery industry. There have been some complaints of coal shortage, which has affected other industries also.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure on Sanjay Gandhi's visits to States during Emergency

4232. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large amount of money was spent by the Governments of various States and others to entertain Sanjay Gandhi during emergency.

(b) if so, which are the States where such expenditure was incurred and the amounts which were spent for the same; and

(c) whether the CIB had sent any special instructions to the State Governments regarding security arrangements that were to be made by the State Governments during Sanjay Gandhi's visit to the States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). A statement showing the expenditure incurred and the arrangements made for the tours and meetings of Shri Sanjay Gandhi by the various State Governments is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2656/78*].

(c) The Intelligence Bureau had issued some general instructions regarding security arrangements and other precautionary measures that were to be taken by the State Governments during Shri Sanjay Gandhi's visits to the States.

Setting up of Mini Cement Plants

4233. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 713 on 12th April, 1978 regarding production and utilisation of installed capacity of cement plants and state:

(a) the progress made to set up mini cement plants;

(b) the names of parties who have submitted proposals and their details including location, capacity etc.;

(c) what special assistance or concessions Government have agreed to give them; and

(d) by what time they will be able to go into commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-MATI ABHA MAITI): (a) A Statement showing applications for mini cement plants registered with DGTD or granted Letters of Intent as on 31st July, 1978 is placed on the Table of the House (Statement No. 1). [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2657/78*].

(b) A Statement showing details of applications for mini cement plants which are pending consideration for registration/letters of intents as on 31-7-1978 is placed on the Table of the House (Statement No. 2). [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2658/78*].

(c) Two Working Groups have been constituted by the Government in connection with the establishment of mini cement plants to recommend respectively fiscal incentives and choice of technology. The Working Groups have submitted their reports which are under consideration of the Government.

(d) The average time for the setting up of a mini cement plants would be about two to three years, depending upon the size of the plant and the extent of infrastructural facilities locally available.

Number of employees in Armed Force Headquarters

4234. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of employees working in Armed Forces Headquarters;

(b) number of Hindi Sections and their employees and number of Hindi Officers working therein;

(c) whether it is not a fact that in several branches of Armed Forces Headquarters which are equivalent in strength to various civil Ministries there is not even one Hindi Officer or even one Jr. Translator or a Typist; and