

**Slow progress in Industrial Growth**

1531. SHRI C. R. MAHATA:

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been slow progress in the industrial growth during the year 1977-78; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons and the steps taken by the Government thereto for rapid progress of industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). According to the general index of industrial production compiled by the C.S.O., the rate of growth of industrial production in 1977-78 works out to 3.5 per cent. While production in certain industry groups (e.g. food manufacture, chemicals, petroleum refinery and non-electrical machinery) has shown significant growth, production growth in some other groups has been low. The reasons vary from industry to industry (e.g. power shortage, lack of sufficient capacity industrial relations and demand etc.). The strategy adopted by the Government to raise the rate of growth of industrial production consists of the following main elements:—

(i) Achievement of targets already set in respect of crucial industries like power, coal, steel, fertilizers and non-ferrous metals;

(ii) Setting higher targets of output in respect of certain major industries where demand conditions justify such higher output. Among these are: paper, cement, commercial vehicles, wagons and textiles produced by NTC mills;

(iii) Advance planning of imports and buffer stocking of crucial

inputs in order to ensure that production in industry is not disrupted due to fall in production of one or two units; and

(iv) Constant monitoring and co-ordination with a view to ensuring that targets of production are achieved.

**Statutory minimum Raw Jute price for 1978-79**

1532. SHRI C. R. MAHATA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced the statutory minimum raw jute price for 1978-79; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). Statutory minimum price of raw jute for 1978-79 season has been fixed at Rs. 150/- per quintal for W-5 grade in Assam.

**Sale of Coal in Black Market**

1533. SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN:  
SHRI SUDHIR GHOSAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scarcity of coal persists and has continued to be sold in black market specially in the capitals; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking to fix its rate and distribute it through the public distribution system?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Occasional reports regarding scarcity of coal in certain cities of the country have been received. The unscrupulous elements may have taken advantage of this situation.

(b) Price and distribution of coal in States are controllable by the State Governments under the Essential Commodities Act.

**Production and distribution of controlled cloth**

1534. SHRI F. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government in regard to production and distribution of controlled cloth so as to make it available to weaker sections at a cheaper price;

(b) whether it is a fact that the existing policy has failed to achieve social objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether a new cloth policy assigning greater and dominating role to the National Textile Corporation is being formulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) to (d). The controlled cloth scheme is currently being reviewed in order to determine its future pattern.

**रामपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश में सीमेंट की कमी**

1535. श्री राजेश कुमार शर्मा : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के रामपुर जिले में सीमेंट की भारी कमी है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सीमेंट की नियमित रूप से सप्लाई करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जायेगी ?

**उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती आभा माइती) :** (क) से

(ग) : राज्य सरकार द्वारा बी गई जानकारी के अनुसार रामपुर जिले सहित पूरे उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में सीमेंट की कमी है। राज्य सरकार राज्य को काफी मात्रा में दी जाने वाली सीमेंट में से जिला-वार सीमेंट का वितरण करती है। उत्तर प्रदेश में सीमेंट की कमी देश भर में व्याप्त सीमेंट की कमी का ही एक अंग है। सीमेंट की मांग सीमेंट उत्पादन से अधिका है यद्यपि उत्पादन अद्य तक में सर्वाधिक है। पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान राज्य को भेजी गई सीमेंट की प्रति तिमाही औसत 4.33 लाख मी० टन सीमेंट है। राज्य की जनवरी, 1977 से मार्च, 1978 की अवधि की प्रति तिमाही में औसतन 4.93 लाख मी० टन सीमेंट भेजी गई है। जुलाई-सितंबर, 1978 की अवधि में राज्य को 4.95 लाख मी० टन सीमेंट का वितरण किया गया है। राज्य को 20,000 मी० टन अतिरिक्त सीमेंट की मात्रा भी भेजी जा रही है।

**Support price for Jute**

1536. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of Jute support price announced recently by Government on the general trend on jute prices and exports;

(b) whether Government have under consideration alternate measures if the support price failed; and

(c) if so, the nature of the same?