

Assets				
(e)	Gross Block	1,926.08	2,008.50	2,063.08
(f)	Less depreciation	448.59	550.66	649.58
(g)	Net Fixed Assets	1,477.49	1,457.84	1,413.50
(h)	Capital work-in-progress (including Plant and Machinery under construction and unallocated capital expenditure)	18.75	4.86	19.28
(i)	Investments	1.28	1.28	1.28
(j)	Current Assets, Loans and Advances	3,596.61	3,498.05	3,176.54
(k)	(i) Deferred Revenue expenditure	124.10	86.37	65.85
	(ii) Losses (Cumulative)	639.10	704.95	765.08
		5,857.33	5,753.35	5,441.53
	Capital Employed	3,060.44	3,397.40	2,866.95
	Net Worth	274.28	255.39	215.78

- NOTE.—
1. Capital employed represents net fixed assets plus working capital (excluding gratuity provision).
 2. Net worth represents paid-up capital plus reserves less intangible assets.
 3. Figures for the previous years have been revised, wherever necessary, due to regrouping done by the Company.

Profit/Loss Statement of NTC Mills

9362. SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON;
SHRI GYANESHWAR PRASAD YADAV;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

- (a) the number of NTC mills installed so far; and
- (b) the location and the profit/loss statements since their installation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) At present the National Textile Corporation is running 101 working nationalised textile units besides managing 8 other textile mills.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See LT-4411/79].

Supply of Cement to Punjab

9363. SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON;
SHRI GYANESHWAR PRASAD YADAV;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of cement in Punjab and people are facing a lot of difficulty in getting the supply;
- (b) if so, whether Government have ever got the survey for the need of cement for Punjab per month; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the quantity being supplied to Punjab per month and the steps Government propose to take to meet the requirement of cement of Punjab people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBĪ PRASAD YĀDAV): (a) In spite of record production of cement during 1978-79, reports of shortage of cement have been received from all over the country as the demand has exceeded supply due to spurt in construction activities in industries, irrigation and power, housing and other developmental activities.

(b) The Government of Punjab have reported that the present demand of cement in the State is of the order of 3.5 lakh tonnes per quarter.

(c) Allocation of cement of States/ Union Territories is made on a quarterly basis after taking into account the level of average despatches in the State in the past and anticipated availability of cement in the country during the quarter. The basic allocation made to the Punjab State is 2.25 lakh tonnes per quarter. However, the availability position is kept under constant review and in the current quarter (April-June 1979) the State's allocation of cement has been increased by 10 per cent to 2,47,500 tonnes.

Steps taken by Government to increase availability of cement in the country include the following:--

(i) The export of cement outside the country has been banned except to Nepal and Bhutan;

(ii) The pace of consideration of new applications for grant of industrial licences has substantially increased. As against only 7 letters of intent and 11 industrial licences for a total capacity of 84.60 lakh tonnes issued from 1st April, 1974 upto 31st March, 1977, as many as 35 letters of intent and 7 industrial licences for a total capacity of 150.50 lakh tonnes were issued from 1st April, 1977 to 7th April, 1979.

(iii) The present regional imbalances in regard to distribution of cement in the country has been due to location of cement plants near limestone

deposits. This imbalance is sought to be minimised by encouraging split location of cement plants.

(iv) A Cabinet Sub-Committee is currently considering the various measures adopted for conservation of Cement. Conservation of cement is sought to be achieved by using substitute materials such as hydrated lime, paddy husk cement, sagal, lime mortar etc.

(v) A quantity of 15.37 lakh tonnes of cement has been imported into the country during 1978-79 and the import of a further quantity of about 20 lakh tonnes is planned for 1979-80.

(vi) A cash incentive of Rs. 30 per tonne for every tonne of additional production over the best production of such unit during the last three financial years or 85 per cent of its licensed capacity whichever is higher, has been announced;

(vii) Existing rules relating to freight reimbursement for road movements have been liberalised;

(viii) Government have also granted assistance to the Cement Industry for use of captive power for production of cement during the periods of power cuts;

(ix) Government have announced the assistance to the Cement Industry for the use of Furnace oil for production of cement due to inadequate supplies of coal;

(x) The production of the existing units is also closely monitored to see that the industry maintains as overall capacity utilisation of 100 per cent.

(xi) The import of pre-calcinator technology has been permitted to enable the increase in production;

(xii) The construction of on-going projects is being expedited;

(xiii) Government have also decided to encourage the setting up of cement plants at the site of or near steel plants to utilise the slag;

(xiv) Government has also decided to encourage the setting up of large number of mini cement plants;

(xv) A High Level Committee has made a comprehensive study of the cement industry and has made a number of recommendations which are being examined by Government.

E.C. T.V.

9364. SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON:

SHRI GYANESHWAR PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that E.C. T.V. a production of Public Undertaking is not easily available to the public;

(b) what is production target and installed capacity of the T.Vs. per month and what is the actual production of the same; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to utilise the full capacity of the same to meet the needs of the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Because of the high popularity of EC TV, the demand for EC TV has exceeded the production. Electronics Corporation of India Limited, a public sector undertaking is taking measures to make available EC TV to the public easily.

(b) During 1978-79 the monthly production target and installed capacity of EC TV was 1700 sets, but actual production exceeded the installed capacity and target. According to

the Company, the actual production during 1978-79 came to 23000, which works out nearly 1900 sets per month.

(c) In view of the reply to part (b), above, the question does not arise.

Distribution of imported Cement to States

9365. SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON:

SHRI GYANESHWAR PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cement which is being imported is distributed among the States to meet the requirement of the people;

(b) if so, the policy for the distribution of the same; and

(c) the quantity of imported cement supplied to each State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Imported cement is taken into the general pool alongwith indigenous cement for purpose of distribution and allotted to meet the requirements of Government works and the public. Imported cement packed in paper bags is liable to burst if carried over long distances. Therefore, maximum quantities of cement are consumed at or near the port towns. The indigenous cement which otherwise would have come to these areas is being diverted else-where.

(c) the quantity of imported cement supplied from various ports to the States from January, 1978 is shown in the enclosed statement.