

Improvement of State Sector

10928. SHRI JANARDHANA POJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Shri G. D. Birla and published in the local dailies of 2nd April, 1979 'State Sector will never improve'; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Government have seen the speech made by Shri G. D. Birla on 1st April, 1979 at a luncheon session of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, wherein he has referred to the performance of the public sector and the losses incurred by it.

(b) Government have already clarified the future role of public sector in para 21 of the Statement on Industrial Policy laid before Parliament on 23 December, 1977. It has been made clear in the Statement of Industrial Policy that it will be the endeavour of the Government to operate public sector enterprises on profitable and efficient lines in order to ensure that investment in these industries pays an adequate return to society.

Annual Plan of Karnataka

10929. SHRI K. S. VEERAHADARAPPA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual plan of Karnataka for the year 1979-80 has been submitted by the State of Karnataka and approved by the Union Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the outlays and the targets fixed thereunder; and

(c) what is the rate of agricultural and industrial growth contemplated under the annual plan for that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR RAHAMAN): (a) and (b). The proposals of Karnataka Government for the State's Annual Plan for 1979-80 have been considered in consultation with the State Government. The exact size of the State Plan and the sectoral break-up have not yet been finalised as the amount to be provided in the State Plan on account of such Centrally Sponsored Schemes as are transferred to the State is being worked out.

(c) Estimates of agricultural and industrial growth will be worked out by the State Government after the finalisation of the Plan.

Alleged complaints Re. distribution of production of Hindustan Photo Film Corporation

10930. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the distribution of production of Hindustan Photo Film Corporation; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to streamline the distribution system of the products of this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Due to the delay in the arrival of imported stocks and strike/lock out in Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co.(H.P.F.) the consumers experienced some difficulty in procuring their requirements of films recently. The lock out has since been lifted and the company advised to make arrangements to rush stocks of its products to different centres to meet the demand. The Government have also decided to import sufficient