

Tea Industry for allotment of cement for the purpose of completing the construction of labour accommodation, a statutory requirement under the Plantation Labour Act;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give a detailed statement as to quantities of cement allotted on different dates, periods for which these allotments were made, the quantities of cement that were actually released by the regional cement officers during the last 3 years and actual quantities of cement lifted by the Tea industry;

(c) whether Government propose to take the Tea Board of India into confidence and make allotments of cement for the purpose of making distribution to the Tea Plantations in the country so that the essential labour housing may be completed and the backlog in providing habitable accommodation to the tea labour is removed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The quantity of cement released to tea industry during the last three years is indicated below:

Year	Quantity of cement released
	tonnes
1976	23,669
1977	50,996
1978	37,302

Details of quantities lifted by individual plantations are not available.

(c) and (d). The matter is under examination in consultation with the Tea Board.

Radio-Active Dust Particles in snow at Gulmarg due to Chinese Nuclear Fall Out

273. SHRI BHAU SAHEB THORAT: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists at the Gulmarg Atomic Research Laboratory have detected radio active dust particles of unusually high counts in the snow and have sent the snow water containing those particles to Trombay to test;

(b) what is the result of the test if carried at Trombay;

(c) whether it is a fact that these radio active dust particles are a sequel to the nuclear test carried out on December 14 last by Chinese at Lop Nor Atomic Test base situated adjacent to the Kashmir;

(d) what is the reaction of Government on it; and

(e) whether these radio active dust particles will affect people and vegetation?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Black Market of Cement in Bombay

274. SHRI VINODBHAI B. SHETH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in *Financial Express* dated the 29th January, 1979 regarding black market in Cement;

(b) whether Cement is sold at Rs. 70/- per bag in Bombay at black market price;

(c) whether cost of building has increased beyond the reach of a common man in Bombay; and