

(b) Government's spending policy is progressively oriented in favour of the poorer sections. The increase in outlays on programme for small and marginal farmers, landless labourers, drought prone areas, backward classes and tribal population are evidence of this. In addition the National Programme of Minimum Needs launched in Fifth Plan sought directly to improve the living standards of the poor through sizeable State expenditure on basic needs like rural drinking water, rural health, elementary education, rural road and electricity housing sites for landless in rural areas and slum clearance in urban areas. These programmes will be strengthened in the Sixth Five Year Plan which is now under preparation. Besides the general development programme aiming at the creation of employment opportunities on a wide scale and improvement of productivity and incomes are also expected to help the weaker sections.

#### Quantity of Cement Supplied to Bihar

4401. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cement supplied to Bihar during the past three years against its demand year wise;

(b) whether cement prices in Bihar have gone up to Rs. 40/- to 50/- per bag; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the supply of cement to Bihar to the extent of its demand and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The demand indicated by the Government of Bihar is 5 lakh tonnes of cement per quarter. The allocations made in favour of the State of Bihar during the last three years was as follows:—

Year	Allocation
	(in lakh tonnes)
1977 . . . . .	10.82
1978 . . . . .	11.16
1979 . . . . .	11.09

(b) There is a general shortage of availability of cement in the Country including Bihar. In such circumstances the possibility of cement being sold at higher prices cannot be ruled out.

(c) An increase in the allocation of cement to the State of Bihar as well as to other States is only possible when the overall availability position of cement in the Country improves. Government are making every effort to increase the availability of cement in the country by better utilisation of existing capacities, sanctioning new capacities and imports.

#### MAMC's Contract with USSR to Export Mining Equipment

4402. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC), Durgapur have made any contract with USSR to export mining equipments worth about Rs. 65 million; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir, Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd., (MAMC), Durgapur have concluded contracts with Soviet organisations for supply of following equipments

valuing about Rs. 638.25 lakhs during 1981 and 1982:—

(i) Drums of Conveyors—631 nos.

(ii) Scraper Chain Conveyors—35 nos.

The equipment are to be manufactured and supplied by M.A.M.C. according to USSR Drawing to be supplied by them.

प्रति व्यक्ति आय में कमी

4403. श्री आर० एन० राकश : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत पांच वर्षों में देश में प्रति व्यक्ति आय में कोई कमी हुई है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने निर्धनता रेखा के नीचे रहने वाले लोगों का स्तर उठाने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम बनाया है और यदि हां, तो इसके बारे में इसकी अनुमानित प्रवृद्धि अनुमानन क्या है ?

योजना मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) :

(क) पिछले पांच महीनों में देश में प्रति व्यक्ति आय के परिवर्तनों के संबंध में कोई वक्तव्य देना संभव नहीं है, क्योंकि राष्ट्रीय आय का अनुमान पूरे वर्ष के लिए तैयार किया जाता है और मासिक आधार पर उपलब्ध नहीं है। जिस अद्यतन वर्ष के लिए यह सूचना उपलब्ध है वह 1978-79 है।

(ख) गरीबी को दूर करने के उद्देश्य के प्रति दृष्टिकोण और नीति तथा उसको प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रस्तावित उपाय और समयबद्ध छठी पंच वर्षीय योजना में दी जाएगी; यह योजना इस समय तैयार हो रही है।

### Requirement of Rubber in the Country

4404. SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rubber necessary to cope with the country's industrial growth and the total quan-

tity of rubber produced in the country;

(b) the total quantity of rubber proposed to be imported during the year 1980-81 and the total amount of money necessary in terms of foreign exchange for this purpose; and

(c) whether Government of India are contemplating to make the country self-sufficient in respect of rubber if the country is not already self-sufficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Industry's requirements of natural rubber during 1980-81 are estimated to be 1,80,000 tonnes as against the estimated production of 1,55,000 to 1,60,000 tonnes.

(b) As no decision regarding the quantum of import of natural rubber during 1980-81 has been taken, the amount of money in terms of foreign exchange needed for the purpose has not been assessed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

### Joint Venture in Coal Mining with Poland

4406. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made for setting up joint enterprises for manufacture of coal mining machinery between Poland and India;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions; and

(c) total cost of the project and capital investments on each side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.