

Functioning of H.M.T. at Bhavnagar

4426. SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Machine Tools Industry a public sector undertaking which is situated at Bhavnagar (Gujarat State) is not working properly and not yielding full production;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the steps taken for its full utilisation;

(d) what is the production since its inception;

(e) whether Government have appointed any Committee or propose to appoint such a Committee to go into the details of the same; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The production performance of Gujarat State Machine Tools Corporation Limited at Bhavnagar is reported to be satisfactory.

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

(d) It has been reported that the Company commenced production in the middle of last year and produced 96 Centre Lathes during 1979-80. Actual production in the first quarter of 1980-81 has been 55 machines against the planned target of 50 machines. The company expects to achieve the targetted production of 300 machines set for the year 1980-81.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Setting up of Central Environmental Agency

4427. SHRI B. K. NAIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Environmental Agency; and

(b) if so, details covering its scope, functions, powers and constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) In 1972 the Government of India constituted the National Committee on Environmental Planning and Coordination (NCEPC) to advise the Government in all matters relating to the environment. The Committee consists of leading ecologists, naturalists and environmental specialists as well as heads of concerned administrative departments of the Government. The Department of Science and Technology has been entrusted with the responsibility of dealing with environmental matters and provides Secretariat support for NCEPC. More recently, in February 1980, Government has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, to review the existing legislation and administrative arrangements at the Central and State levels for environmental conservation and protection, and to recommend suitable measures to ensure environmental quality. The Committee is expected to submit its report by July 31, 1980. The recommendations of the Committee are to be considered by the Government in making decisions regarding immediate and long term measures for environmental protection and conservation.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

प्रवेश में उद्योगों को जारी किये गये लाइसेंस

4428: श्री कृष्ण बल्ल : क्या उद्योग मंत्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दशमि वाला एक विचरण मभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में ऐसे उद्योगों की संख्या कितनी है जिनको केन्द्रीय सरकार ने लाइसेंस जारी किये हैं;

(ख) प्रत्येक उद्योग को खोलने के लिये कितनी मात्रा में कच्चा मान परमिट मर सम्पादित किया गया है;

(ग) ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके लाइसेंस जारी किये गये थे परन्तु उन्होंने उनका उपयोग नहीं किया; और

(घ) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उद्योग चलाने के लिये कुछ व्यक्तियों को न्यून भी किये हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरणजीत चानाना) : (क) वर्ष 1979 व 1980 (मई, 1980 तक) में एक औद्योगिक लाइसेंस जारी किया गया था। लाइसेंस अभी क्रियान्वित नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) से (घ). औद्योगिक लाइसेंस पद्धति के अधीन केन्द्रीय सरकार लाइसेंस स्वीकृत किए जा सके उद्यमियों को कच्चे माल के संभरण या न्यून देने की व्यवस्था नहीं करती। कच्चे माल के संभरण और वित्तीय सहायता के लिए संबंधित प्राधिकारणों से ही अनुरोध करना होता है।

Allocation of Cement to West Bengal

4429. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of cement to the State of West Bengal during the last 5 months; and

(b) the reasons for short supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). The allocation of Cement to the States is made on a quarterly basis. The total allocation made to the State of West Bengal for the period January—June, 1980 was 5,84,000 tonnes. The supply was, however, less on account of the fact that the actual availability of cement was less than what was anticipated at the time when allocations were made.

Dowry Deaths and Convictions

4430. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of reported deaths arising out of dowry disputes per month, State-wise during the two years;

(b) the number of convictions in these cases; and

(c) whether the reported cases are on the increase and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and on receipt, a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of Telecommunication Equipment under Private Sector

4431. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government are likely to amend the Industrial Policy resolution to enable private sector units to manufacture telecommunication equipments worth Rs. 200 crores currently being imported?

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

Requirement of Raw Materials by Small Scale Units in Gujarat

4432. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what are the requirements of different raw materials needed by different small scale industries in Gujarat and the actual allotments made to them by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): There is no formal distribution control on basic raw materials (except in case of EC grade aluminium) and therefore no precise estimate of all raw material requirements of the Small Scale Sector is made by Government. In the case of EC grade aluminium, the Aluminium Controller in the Ministry of Steel & Mines directly allocates the material to the Cable & Conductor manufacturing units on the