

of Tripura during the last three years

quarter-wise is indicated below:—

Quarter	1977	1978	1979
	(tonnes of Cement)		
Ist Quarter	2830	4533	4216
IIInd. Quarter	3041	3953	7219
IIIrd Quarter	3674	6548	6155
IVth Quarter	3390	5797	4140
Total	12935	20831	21730

(b) State Government of Tripura has estimated their demand of cement as 63000 tonnes per annum.

(c) Every effort is being made to maximise rail movement of cement into the North Eastern Region including the State of Tripura. In addition reimbursement of freight for moving cement by road has been liberalised. Requests for extension of validity of release orders in respect of North Eastern States are also considered sympathetically.

Demand of Salt by West Bengal

1895. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOU-DHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the West Bengal Government demanded four ship loads and 12 railway rakes of salt per month;

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) steps so far taken if any, by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The demand of the State Government is as per accepted programme of the Central Government. However the actual quantity of Salt moved by rail depends upon

timely placement of orders for salt by the West Bengal Essential Commodities Supply Corporation the agency nominated by the State Government, while that moved by ship depends upon the number of ships made available for the purpose by the Director General of Shipping.

Concentration of Poverty Population in States

1896. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report Prof. Rajkrishna has pointed out that the total 72 per cent poverty population in the country is concentrated in seven States;

(b) whether it has also been pointed out by him that if Orissa and Karnataka are added to the list the percentage would be about 83;

(c) whether it is also a fact that two-thirds of the total pool of unemployment is confined to these seven States; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to remove this imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. These estimates relate to 1972-73.

(d) The broad approach to the removal of poverty and reduction in unemployment will be outlined in the Sixth Five Year Plan which is now under preparation.