

a waiting list of about 1,20,000 in respect of Bajaj Chetak scooters, allotted against inward remittance of foreign exchange.

HAL to Market Helicopters

3051. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited plans to shortly market helicopters to large business in the private and public sectors; and

(b) if so, details in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). HAL are trying to market helicopters to various State Governments and leading private and public sectors organisations, in order to ensure better utilisation of its Divisions manufacturing helicopters, associated engines, accessories and avionics.

Change in formula of determining Consumer price index

3052. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALICK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on changing the existing formula of determining the consumer price index; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). A Committee has been set up to go into the question of preparation of a new

series of consumer price index Numbers with 1980-81 as the base and its work is in progress. In the meantime it has been decided that a fresh family Living Survey should be conducted during 1980-81. The survey has been initiated by the Labour Bureau in collaboration with the National Sample Survey Organisation.

Production of Cement

3053. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of cement in the country;

(b) whether there is any shortage of this commodity; and

(c) if so, what steps are envisaged in the Sixth Plan to augment production of cement and to bridge the gap between supply and demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The total production of cement in the country during 1980 was 17.90 million tonnes.

(b) There is a shortage of availability of cement in the country.

(c) Every effort is being made to augment production of cement by sanctioning new capacities and by better utilisation of the existing capacities. The Working Group on Cement Industry appointed by the Planning Commission have estimated that an additional capacity of 22.69 million tonnes is likely to materialise by 1984-85 during the sixth plan period. In order to augment availability of cement in the country to reduce the gap between

supply and demand, import of 2 million tonnes of cement has been authorised for the current financial year.

Closure of Small and Medium Soap Manufacturers for want of Tallow

3054. **SHRI K. A. SWAMI**: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closing down of small and medium sector of soap manufacturers for want of tallow;

(b) whether Government give the details of supply of tallow, year-wise, since 1978, to public sector units; and

(c) the details of supply of tallow to medium size units, in particular, West Bengal?

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

(b) The quantity of mutton tallow supplied to public sector units including the public sector grease units is as follows:—

Year	(Qty. MT.)
1978-79	1,979
1979-80	6,349
1980-81	1,696 (Prov.)

—(c) The units in the organised sector are not being encouraged to use imported tallow for manufacture of soap and as such the question of supply of tallow to medium size units, other than those in public sector, does not arise.

Japanese Technique for Extracting Oil from Paddy Husk

3055. **SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA**: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inventor of the Japanese technique of extracting oil from the paddy husk propose to donate this technique to the Deendayal Shoudh Sansthan in Delhi;

(b) whether Deendayal Shoudh Sansthan propose to entrust this technique to the engineers of the country in the national interest; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS (**SHRI C. P. N. SINGH**): (a) to (c). Deendayal Shoudh Sansthan have submitted an application for import of technology from Japan envisaging the payment of 405 Million Yen for the knowhow to manufacture stabilised rice bran and edible oil therefrom. The Deendayal Shoudh Sansthan had proposed in their application to make available this know how to Indian firms for commercial use of the above technology. The applications for import of technology are processed by the Ministry of Industry in accordance with the procedures laid down in this behalf.

Landless Agricultural Labour

3056. **PROF. RUPCHAND PAL**: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the estimated number of landless agricultural labour in the country as in 1980 (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA**): There has been no recent survey to estimate