

Number of Industrial Licences

2568. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of industrial licences and letters of intent issued in 1980; and

(b) the details regarding the production in comparison to the targets fixed for the year 1980 and how far it has been achieved.

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

(a) 946 letters of intent and 475 industrial licences were granted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 during the year 1980. Details of both the letters of intent and industrial licences including name of the party, location, item of manufacture, etc. are available in the Parliament library in the "Monthly News letter" published by the Indian Investment Centre.

(b) The sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) envisages an average annual rate of growth of 8 per cent of industrial production during the five-year period. During 1980-81, industrial production, as measured by the General Index of Industrial Production, recorded an increase of 7.1 per cent compared to a decline of 1.4 per cent in the previous year.

Excess Capacity for Industrial Units

2569. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases have come to the notice of Government regarding persons who set up illegal excess capacity either by way of expansion of existing units or by setting up new units ;

(b) if so, the details thereof during 1980-81; and

(c) whether Government would like to have more powers to punish such persons

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

(a) and (b). Though no survey as such has been made, Government is aware that certain units have been producing more than their licensed capacity.

(c) Government is arming itself with requisite powers to combat deliberate violation of conditions of licence through unauthorised creation of capacities without required approvals.

Small Scale Foundry Industry

2570. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the small scale foundry industry is facing a critical situation due to shortage of raw materials and power-cut; and

(b) what immediate steps are proposed to be taken to make available power and raw materials in sufficient quantity to the industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA) : (a) No, Sir. However some representations have been received that foundry units in the small scale sector are facing difficulties in procuring pig iron and that they have been experiencing shortage of power.

(b) Pig iron is being supplied to small scale units through State Small Industries Corporations wherever they have shown willingness to handle the item. In order places, direct supplies of pig iron are being made to small scale units from the