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Allocation for States Annual Plan to Implement 20 Point Programme

4968. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of PLANNING pleased to state :

(a) whether any initiative has been taken by some States to approach the Planning Commission to have a fresh look at the annual plans of the States in order to make adequate allocations for the implementation of the schemes framed under the 20 point programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Central Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) (a) and (b). No State has approached the Planning Commission for a fresh look at its Annual Plan for 1982-83. However, at the Northern Zonal Council meeting held on 6th February 1982, the Member States had suggested that adequate funds should be provided for implementing the 20 Point Programme. Further, at the National Development Council meeting held on 14th March, 1982, one State had suggested provision of additional outlay for the Programme.

It is too early to have a fresh look at the State Plans for 1982-83 at this stage. However, the established procedures provide for adjustments in State Plan outlays within the available resources.

Setting up of an Integral Coach Factory at Allahabad

4969. SHRI NIREN GHOSH Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jessop & Co. can manufacture integral coaches with some balancing equipment;

(b) what would be the quantum of outlay for this purpose;

(c) the reasons for establishing a new plant at Allahabad with big investment;

(d) whether the matter would be reconsidered; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI)

(a) and (b). A Project involving an investment of Rs. 292 lakhs towards balancing equipment for the manufacture of 300 units of Integral Coaches per annum by Jessop has been approved by the Government. It is expected to be completed in 1982-83. The production of integral coaches by Jessop will be taken up in 1983-84 after completion of the present order for non-integral meter gauge (M.G.) type coaches.

(c) to (e). A Survey Committee appointed by the Railway Board has projected a shortfall of 772 coaches per annum in the manufacturing capacity vis-a-vis demand during 1983-84. This shortfall has been worked out after taking into consideration the capacity of Jessop & Co. Ltd., the Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. and Integral Coach Factory. There is, therefore, a proposal to set up a new Railway Coach Production Unit in the Rail-Sector to meet the shortfall in Coach production capacity in the country. No decision has, however, yet been taken regarding the location of the proposed coach factory.

Dismissal of Government Headed by Chief Minister of Sikkim

4970. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :
SHRI A. NEELALOHI-
THADASAN
NADAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received recently any representation

from the President of Sikkim Congress (R) and other M. L. As against the present Government headed by Chief Minister Nar Bahadur ; Bhandari ; and

(b) the reaction of Government and the action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b). A representation from the President Sikkim Congress (R) and two others has been received which is under examination.

Mini Cement Plants in Tehri and Pauri Garhwal

4971. SHRI T. S. NEGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of mini cement plants have recently been set up in the country;

(b) if so, whether setting up of such plants have been considered by Central Government in Tehri and Pauri Garhwal of U. P. ; and

(c) what are the number of plants to be set up in each district ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) As on 1-3-1982, 102 mini cement plants have been approved for installation by way of grant of letters of intent/industrial licences and registration with Directorate General of Technical Development. Of these, three units have recently commenced production.

(b) and (c). No proposal for setting up mini cement plants in these Districts is under consideration of the Government.

Magnitude of Poverty in the Country

4972. PROF. RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Statistical Organisation of the Government has failed to assess the magnitude of poverty in this country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the definition of 'poverty' has not been clearly brought out ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in order to fulfil this task ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. The proportion of people below the poverty line at different points of time has been estimated in the past from the data on distribution of persons according to various ranges of consumption expenditure as available from the National Sample Surveys. These estimates for the year 1968-69, 1970-71, 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1977-78 have been supplied to both the House of Parliament.

(b) and (c), No Sir. The Government have adopted the definition of the poverty line as given by the Task Force on Projections of Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand appointed by the Planning Commission in 1977 which has recommended the norms of per capita daily requirements of 2400 calories in rural areas and 2100 calories in Urban areas. The monetary counter-part of these calorie norms (including non-food items) have been worked out as Rs. 76 per capita per month for rural areas and Rs. 88 for Urban areas at 1979-80 prices. The proportion of people below the monthly per capita consumer expenditure thus obtained is used to determine the percentage of