

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): The Minorities Commission did not adopt a resolution for evolving a code of conduct for political parties, on 29th December, 1981.

"Technological Development Achieved by ETTDC"

936. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of technological development achieved by the Electronic Trade and Technology Development Corporation since its constitution; and

(b) the annual turn over of the Corporation since its formation and the value of imported components in such annual turnover?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Since its inception, ETTDC has been engaged in product development to assist local electronics manufacturing industry. In the process it has helped develop various products such as portable TV sets of 12" and 14" sizes, microprocessor based business accounting machines, portable light weight Mini Megaphone, 2 Band Radio Receivers, Car Stereo, Cassette Recorder, Portable Tape Recorder, Mini Fluourescent Lantern etc. Along with such product development, development of parts and tooling is also done.

(b) The annual turnover of the Corporation since its formation and the value of imported components in such annual turnover is as follow:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Imports	Exports	Others	Total
1974-75	87.63	87.63
1975-76	159.73	1.56	17.18	179.10
1976-77	472.15	50.99	125.98	649.12
1977-78	876.75	128.19	149.55	1154.49
1978-79	922.25	86.77	209.63	1218.65
1979-80	853.50	81.06	135.97	1070.58
1980-81	885.91	151.25	372.78	1409.94
*1981-82	1243.28	56.30	195.00	1495.58

*For eleven months ending 30th June, 1982 (Provisional subject to audit).

Soaring Prices of Cement in Open Market

937. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of soaring prices of cement in open market; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). Non-levy cement is sold in the open market free from price & distribution control. The cement producers have, however, indicated the following maximum

selling prices in respect of non-levy cement sold in the open market.

Maharashtra, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, North Eastern States

Rs. 60/-per bag exclusive of taxes.

All other States/Union Territories

Rs. 56/-per bag exclusive of taxes.

Criteria for issuing Licences for Establishing Mini Cement Plants

for setting up mini cement plants in the country with foreign collaboration to step up cement production; and

938. SHRI CHINTAMANI IENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(a) the criteria adopted for issuing a licence for establishing mini cement plant in the country;

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Guidelines followed for the establishment of mini cement plants in the country were announced in the Press Note dated 3.7.1981 placed on the Table of the House Placed in Library See. No. LT-4240/82.

(b) the number of mini cement plants functioning in the country and their number of State-wise and the annual production of cement in these mini cement plants;

(b) At present, undermentioned mini cement plants are functioning in the country on commercial basis:-

(c) whether there is any fresh proposal under Government's consideration

Name of the Plant	State	Production during 1981 (in tonnes)
1. J & K Minerals Ltd.	Jammu & Kashmir	6,541
2. Kutch Cement Private Limited.	Gujarat	3,009
3. Lokapur Cement	Karnataka	743
4. Veda Cement	Karnanataka	Not available

(c) and (d). Two proposals for setting up mini cement plants with foreign collaboration have been received in one case, financial participation to the extent of 40 per cent of equity by non-resident Indians is proposed and in another case, details of foreign collaboration have not been indicated.

(a) whether it is a fact that Ghazipur (U.P.) has been selected for the establishment of a steel plant;

(b) if so, the installed capacity of the plant and the total cost of the project;

Establishment of a Steel Plant in Ghazipur (U.P.)

(c) the number of persons to be employed; and

939. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(d) the time by which it is expected to be completed?