

Minimum Income For An Average Family

5864. SHRI T. S. NEGI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to work out the minimum income that an average family should have to meet the minimum requirements of life, such as food, clothing, housing etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people in the country who are not covered by the said minimum income; and

(d) the difference between the people living below poverty line and those not having the aforesaid minimum income ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) Government of India have not conducted any survey so far to work out the minimum income needed by an average family to meet its minimum requirements of food, clothing and housing.

However, norms for per capita minimum requirement of food in terms of daily energy-intake (measured by calories) have been worked out by a 'Task Force on projections of Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand' set up by the Planning Commission. These norms are : 2400 calories for rural areas and 2100 calories for urban areas.

The minimum total expenditure level at which the normative levels of calorie consumption are attained is taken as the poverty line. This is worked out with the help of data from consumer expenditure surveys conducted by the NSSO in different rounds. Since the poverty line corresponds to the 'total' expenditure, it takes account of the consumption of items other than food (like clothing, housing, etc.) also. The poverty lines that have been worked out in terms of monthly per capita consumption expenditure, are Rs. 65 (Rural) Rs. 75 (Urban) at 1977-78 price.

The statewide poverty estimates are based on the periodic surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey. The latest survey available is for 1977-78. The number of people below the poverty line in 1977-78, was estimated to be 304.6 million (252.8 million rural in area and

5.18 million in urban areas. The next survey is scheduled for 1983.

Supply Of Truck Engines By Telco

5865. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

whether Government are aware of the inordinate delay made by Telco Company (Jameshedpur) in supplying truck engines to the consumers;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay made by Telco in this matter; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ask the Telco to supply the truck engines in a shorter time ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Spare engines for Telco truck chassis are being manufactured by M/s. Telco and are available for replacement through their dealership net-work. The company has reported that there is no delay in the supply of these engines to consumers for replacement purposes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

सीमेंट अनुसंधानसंस्थान द्वारा सीमेंट की बचत करने वाली कंक्रीट का विकास

5866. श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह :

कुमारी पुष्पा देवी सिंह :

श्री गुफरान आजम :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह चस है कि सीमेंट अनुसंधान संस्थान ने कई वर्षों के अनुसंधान के बाद एक कंक्रीट का विकास किया है जिसके निर्माण कार्य प्रयोग करने से मकानों, उद्योगों और सड़कों आदि की निर्माण संबंधी कठिनाइयां दूर हो सकेंगी तथा मकानों के निर्माण में इसका 20 प्रतिशत सीमेंट तथा अन्य सामग्री के साथ प्रयोग हो सकेगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस कंक्रीट के प्रयोग और उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वीरभद्र सिंह) : (क) से (ग) सीमेंट अनुसंधान संस्थान ने एक उपयुक्त तैयार कंक्रीट प्रौद्योगिकी का विकास किया है जिसके द्वारा कंक्रीट को सामान्य वाहनों में ले जाया जा सकता है। इस प्रौद्योगिकी में "आधी सूखी" कंक्रीट को केन्द्रीय बैचिंग तथा मिश्रण संयंत्र से सामान्य गाड़ियों में ले जाकर निर्माण स्थल पर उसमें फिर से पानी मिला देने की परिकल्पना की गई है। गहन प्रयोगशाला परीक्षणों और क्षेत्रीय प्रयोगों से पता चला है कि इस प्रौद्योगिकी को अपनाने से सीमेंट की किस्म पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़े बिना उस समय के मौसम में 1½ से 2 घंटे के बीच में ले जाया जा सकता है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 15 प्रतिशत या उससे अधिक सीमेंट की बचत होगी।

सीमेंट अनुसंधान संस्थान ने राष्ट्रीय भवन निर्माण संगठन, भारतीय सीमेंट निगम, एसोसिएट सीमेंट कम्पनी तथा हिन्दुस्तान कन्स्ट्रक्शन कम्पनी के साथ मिलकर हाल ही में इस विषय पर चर्चा की थी और उन सबकी इस प्रौद्योगिकी को स्वीकार करने तथा इसे शीघ्र ही कार्यान्वित करने के लिए सहमति थी। तदनुसार, सीमेंट अनुसंधान संस्थान इस प्रौद्योगिकी को इसमें रुचि रखने वाली पार्टियों को हस्तांतरित करने के लिए योजना बना रही है।

Production Of Cables In The Country

5867. SHRI ANANTHARAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made arrangements to meet the acute shortage of power cables in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government have

taken to increase the production of cables in the country; and

(c) whether Government have favoured the use of cables manufactured by the state owned factories *vis-a-vis* the imported ones ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (c) There is no shortage of power the cables in the country. The existing units are having capacity utilisation of less than 50%. There is only one state owned unit which is licensed for the manufacture of power cables. This unit has been manufacturing mostly telecommunication cables and their production of power cables is nil.

Assent To West Bengal Mazdoor, Labourers, Godownmen, And Other Workers (Regularisation, Appointment And Welfare) Act 1981.

5868. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HOME affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal Mazdoor, Labourers, Godownmen and other Workers (Regularisation, Appointment and Welfare) Act of 1981 is still awaiting President's assent;

(b) if so, what are the reasons; and

(c) when it is likely to be given President's assent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Clarifications on some provisions of the Bill have been sought from the Government of West Bengal. Their reply is awaited.

Production Of Steel Suffered Due To Shortage Of Power Supply From DVC.

5869. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production of steel has suffered due to shortage of power supply from DVC in Bokaro, Burnpur and Durgapur in February, 1982; and