

Edging out Indian Steel and Tubes Manufacturing Units

2783. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign firms, especially from the U.S., West Germany and Japan, are systematically edging out the Indian steel and tubes manufacturing units from the competition by quoting unusually low prices in the tenders for the public sector projects in this country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the steel pipes and tubes industry is gripped in a severe crisis following drastic fall in demand in the domestic market and now they are being deprived of their share in the procurement programme of the big Central projects as the foreign suppliers have reduced their price by 30 to 50 per cent; and

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to do something to prevent the dumping by the foreign suppliers in the interest of the indigenous units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b). The Indian Steel Pipes and Tubes Industry is meeting domestic demand of general categories of tubes fully and imports are not being permitted. The production of steel pipes and tubes during 1982 has been almost at the same level as in 1981. It is only in the case of special tubes, termed casing pipes, that one case of possible low price in the tenders from foreign parties has been recently highlighted. On this basis, it may be premature to conclude regarding any systematic attempt at edging out the Indian industry.

(c) Does not arise.

असम से सम्बन्धित फाइल गुम होना

2784. श्री हरीश कुमार गंगवार : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या असम के संबंध में

मंत्रालय की फाइल गायब है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह कैसे गायब है और इसके लिए कौन अधिकारी जिम्मेदार है ; और

(ग) अब तक उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

गृह मंत्रालय से राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लस्कर) : (क) से (ग) फाइल सं० 11011/28/81एन० ई०-4 (खण्ड-II) अप्रैल, 1982 से नहीं मिल रही है। फाइल का पता लगाने के प्रयास जारी हैं।

Setting up of industries by KVIC in Sunderbans

2785. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural industries set up by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the Sunderbans Area; and

(b) what are their achievements in the spheres of providing employment and training to the rural poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

States topping in implement the 20-Point Programme for the poor

2786. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have made progress or topped in implementing programmes dealing directly with the poor and benefiting them under the new 20-point programme; and