

(b) the names of foreign institutions, agencies and other sources sending money to various associations/individuals in India; and

(c) the amount sent by these sources separately during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) It is proposed to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(b) and (c). The information would be available after the data contained in the returns of foreign contribution submitted by various organisation for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 is computerised. The work of computerisation is yet to be taken up.

Issue of Home Ministry's General Passes

2978. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a certain number of influential lobbyists from private sector are in possession of Home Ministry's General Passes entitling them to visit practically all Ministries;

(b) if so, the number of such of such pass holders with their particulars and parties they represent and period since they hold these passes; and

(c) whether any senior officer in any of the Ministries have during the last 5 years protested against gross misuse of such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

(c) No, Sir. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6121/81]

Decline in Industrial Growth Rate

2979. SHRI R. N. RAKESH:
SHRIMATI JAYANTI
PATNAIK;
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial growth rate has declined in 1982-83;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the bottleneck and to increase the industrial growth rate in 1983-84.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). According to the Quick Index of Industrial Production (Base: 1970=100) for the month of December, 1982 compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation, the growth rate during April-December, 1982 over the corresponding period of the previous year is provisionally estimated at +3.4 per cent, the growth rate in 1981=82 over 1980-81 worked out to 8.6 per cent.

The slower growth rate could be due to differential performance of different industries on account of factors such as power shortages, international market conditions, industrial relations, short-term supply-demand imbalances, etc.

(c) Since 1980, Government have taken several important measures to improve industrial production. These include:

1. Provision for automatic growth at the rate of 5 per cent per annum subject to a maximum of 25 per cent over a period of 5 years.

2. Recognition of excess capacity over the licensed/registered capacity in industries of basic and critical importance as also those of export potential.

3. Permitting capacities on the basis of the best production achieved by the units with due protection to small scale sector, etc.