

Industrial production is affected by a variety of factors including shortage of essential inputs throughout the country. The Ministry of Industry monitors the availability of industrial inputs and takes up the reported production snags with the concerned Department/authority for an early remedial action. The Departments of coal, Petroleum and Power have taken steps to improve the availability of industrial inputs. The production of coal has been augmented. However, overall performance of the coal sector crucially depends on the synchronised availability of power and adequate despatches of coal from pits-heads. Further, despite continuing increase in power generation in recent years, it has not been possible to eliminate the gap between requirement and supply since the demand of power has also continued to grow. It may be mentioned that the industrial production increased by 4.0 per cent during the first eight months of 1982-83.

Ban on communal organisation

5074. SHRI B. V. DESAI :

SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM :

SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre has been urged to ban various communal organisations to check the increasing trend of communal riots in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are seriously considering to ban all communal bodies;

(c) whether all the religious organisations have been consulted for a proposed legislation on the subject; and

(d) if so, by what time Government are likely to introduce a legislation to ban the communal bodies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LAKSAR) : (a) Some suggestions have been made.

(b) to (d). No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

Ocean commission

5075. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high power body called the Ocean Commission is being set up to formulate and implement schemes for Ocean Research and Management;

(b) if so, whether apart from this, Department proposes to take up training of ocean scientists and technologists for carrying out research running survey ships, exploitation of nodules, analysis of data and development technologies; and

(c) what are the other proposals that are being considered by the Ministry in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). A profile for Ocean Development is under preparation. It will cover all aspects of Ocean Development.

Records of Productivity and Mandays lost

5076. SHRI J. S. PATIL :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the records of productivity and mandays lost in the Year of Productivity;

(b) how do they compare with those in each of the last three years; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?