

allocation of market borrowings by 20% in 1983-84 over the 1982-83 level instead of by 10% as in the earlier years.

Commissioning of M.A.P.P.

1775. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission has discussed the plans to commission the first unit of Madras Atomic Power Project with the Prime Ministers on June 21, 1983 ;

(b) if so, whether 235-MW Madras unit, which is the first wholly indigenous atomic power plant, has gone through pre-commission tests and the reactor is set to achieve criticality soon ;

(c) whether the Atomic Energy Department has also been able to muster the requisite quantity of heavy water for the initial charge ;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government had earlier rejected the Soviet Union's offer for heavy water project ; and

(e) if so, whether in view of the availability of heavy water, plant would be commissioned soon which was the main hindrance earlier for commissioning the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (e) Unit-I of the Madras Atomic Power Station attained criticality on July 2, 1983 and was synchronised to the Southern Grid for the first time on July 23, 1983.

Hardship of consumers for cement

1776. SHRI T.S. NEGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships of consumers for cement due to recent un-explainable increase arising from freight increase by Railways etc. specially the weaker section of Society in the Hill regions of Garhwal etc. (Times of India-Editorial, 14 July, 1983) ; and

(b) whether Government will consider special subsidy for cement to cater to this weaker section of Society, isolated in every manner ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :

(a) and (b) F.O.R. price of levy cement is uniform through out the country irrespective of the locations. The scheme of freight equalisation under which the price is so fixed envisages subsidisation of the price of cement in areas which are located far away from the sources of supply, in terms of freight. Increase in the F.O.R. price of cement are allowed to take into account the increases in Rail freight and the increase to the extent of Rs. 52/- per tonne of cement recently allowed was in this context. Every effort is being made to ensure that levy cement is made available to the priority sectors of the economy and the weaker sections of the society to the extent possible.

राज्यों की योजना लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में विफलता

1777. श्री नरसिंह मकवाना : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं जो अपने छठी पंच-वर्षीय योजना के लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में असफल रहे हैं ;

(ख) राज्य सरकारों को अपनी योजनाएं पूरी करने हेतु कितनी धनराशि जुटाने के लिए कहा गया है और तत्सम्बंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और