

**Per capita increase in income of different countries**

1810. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the latest ILO World Labour Report, the income per head of population taking the World as a whole rose by 65 per cent during the 20 years, 1960 to 1980; and

(b) if so, according to this report what was the per capita increase in income during this period in India, China, Japan, Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, USA, USSR, UK and France rise in price indices in each of them during the period ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) The latest ILO World Report gives the median growth rate of per capita income in respect of the 111 countries covered in the report (which exclude China) as 2.8 percent during the period 1960-80. According to this report, the aforesaid rate represents an increase of 65 percent in per capita income over the 20-year period.

(b) The information presented in the report is given below. Similar information for China is not available in the report. The report also does not indicate rise in price indices during the period in these countries :

| Country   | Per Capita Gross National Product Average Annual Growth, 1960-80. ((percent-age) |
|-----------|--|
| 1         | 2  |
| India     | 1.4  |
| Japan     | 7.1  |
| Pakistan  | 2.8  |
| Burma     | 1.2  |
| Sri Lanka | 2.4  |
| USA       | 2.3  |

Note : \*Rate calculated for a somewhat shorter period than 1960-80.

| 1      | 2    |
|--------|------|
| USSR   | 4.0* |
| UK     | 2.2  |
| France | 3.9  |

**Sinking of Coir Industry**

1811. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister for INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether inspite of all the State and Central Governments efforts to help the coir industry for [over two decades, this traditional industry which sustains about five lakh people in the densely populated coastal belt of Kerala is sinking;

(b) whether a shortage of coconut husk, lack of demand for coir products in and outside the country and increased production cost are some of the main reasons for the industry's troubles; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to (c) The coir industry is passing through a difficult period on account of (i) decline in exports due to competition from synthetic substitutes and recession in West Europe; (ii) last year's drought in Kerala leading to shortage of husk.

Measures are being thought of to make available increased quantity of husk for retting purposes so that the industry gets uninterrupted supply of raw material.

Efforts are being made to improve the quality of products so that higher prices do not deter the customers.

Various steps have been taken to improve our exports of coir and coir products. A separate cell is functioning in the Coir Board for undertaking market survey and for