

purposes of Central assistance to the three State Governments during 1971-72 are as follows :

(Ra. in crores)	
State	Ceiling of Expenditure
1. Bihar	46.275@
2. West Bengal	31 51
3. Uttar Pradesh	33.90@

(b) to (d). The Government of Uttar Pradesh have been indicating from time to time their estimates of expenditure on various flood relief measures, the latest estimate being Ra. 116 crores. On the basis of the recommendation of central teams, the Government of India have so far accepted a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 33.90 crores on various relief, rehabilitation and repair works for purposes of Central assistance. This ceiling is however subject to review.

**Dismissal of Employees of Ordnance
Factories of West Bengal**

881. SHRI S.M. BANERJEE :

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASS
MUNSI :

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 32 employees of Ordnance Factories in West Bengal have been dismissed from service without assigning any reason or giving them any opportunity of self-defence ;

(b) if so, the reason for the same;

(c) whether this decision has been taken after the Industrial Council meeting of the Director General of Ordnance Factories held in Aruvankadu from 17th to 19th

September, 1971, where unanimous resolutions were adopted by both the Workers, representatives and representatives) of the Director General of Ordnance Factories on important issues;

(d) whether the All India Defence Employees Federation has protested against this unilateral action of the Ministry ; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). 12 persons were removed under Article 310 (1) of the Constitution and services of 20 persons were terminated under Rule 5 of Civil Service (Temporary Services) Rules as no longer required.

(c) The orders were served on the employees mentioned above on 5-10-1971. The decision however was independent of the deliberations of the Industrial Council Meeting held at Aruvankadu from 17th to 19th September, 1971.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The decision was taken after taking all relevant factors into consideration.

**Increase in production in West Bengal
Ordnance Factories**

882. SHRI S.M. BANERJEE :
SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS
MUNSI :

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether production in all the Ordnance Factories in West Bengal went up recently; and