

Setting up of a High Powered Technology Development Board

430. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task force of the Planning Commission has recommended the setting up of a High Powered Technology Development Board and if so, whether Government have accepted this recommendation;

(b) the extent to which this Board will help the research programmes; and

(c) the other recommendations made by the task force and accepted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

Cement Quota for Himachal Pradesh

431. SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN:
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GAEKWAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present demand of cement in the country;

(b) the present production and shortfall in supply; and

(c) the extent of cement quota issued to the Himachal Pradesh Government for the year 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) About 19 million tonnes.

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(b) Production of cement during January to September 1973 was 10.90 million tonnes. The production during the full year 1973 is expected to be about 15 million tonnes, leaving a shortfall of about 4 million tonnes.

(c) A quota of 0.80 lakh tonnes has been allotted to Himachal Pradesh for the period 1st July, 1973 to 30th June, 1974.

Fifth Plan allocations for Tamil Nadu

432. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has not yet decided about the proposed allocations during the Fifth Plan for Tamil Nadu and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the precise demands of the State Government for inclusion in the Fifth Plan and the extent to which the Union Government have agreed to give; and

(c) when the final decision is likely to be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c). The Government of Tamil Nadu submitted Draft Fifth Plan proposals amounting to Rs. 1532 crores which have been discussed in the Planning Commission. A final decision in regard to the Fifth Plan sizes of States' Plans including that of Tamil Nadu will be taken in the light of the Government of India's decisions on the Report of the Sixth Finance Commission and a re-assessment of the resources of the States to be shortly undertaken by the Planning Commission in consultation with them.

Strength of C.R.P.

434. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2477 on 8th August, 1973 regarding

the expenditure incurred on C.R.P. and state:

(a) the total strength of the Central Reserve Police Force and the accretion thereto from 1966-67 till 1973; and

(b) the strength of Central Reserve Police Force in West Bengal since March, 1972?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN):

Strength as on

(a)

I-I-67	.	22,626
(66-67)		
I-I-68	.	29,099
I-I-69	.	55,271
I-I-70	.	64,132
I-I-71	.	65,785
I-I-72	.	75,748
I-I-73	.	75,788

(b)

March, 1972	.	95 Coys.
June, 1972	.	67 Coys.
Sept. 1972	.	64 Coys.
Oct. 1972	.	55 Coys.
Nov. 1972	.	49 Coys.
Feb. 1973	.	46 Coys.
Apr. 1973	.	44 Coys.
May, 1973	.	38 Coys.
July, 1973 to date	.	39 Coys.

The sanctioned strength of each Coy. is approximately 140 including ancillary staff.

Shortage of Cement in West Bengal

435. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of cement in West Bengal which is affecting various development projects in the State;

(b) the shortfall in the quantity of cement required and available or made available in the State; and

(c) what steps Government are proposing to take to arrange for larger allocation of cement to the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKERJEE): (a) There is some shortage of cement in the State of West Bengal as a result of over-all shortage of cement in the country.

(b) and (c). A quantity of 1.91 lakh tonnes was supplied to West Bengal for the period July—Sept. 1973 against the allocation of 1.94 lakh tonnes. The request of the State Government for an additional allocation of 20,000 tonnes for the same period was also agreed to.

At the request of the State Government, their quota for the period from 1-10-1973 to 30-6-1974 has been increased from 6.45 lakh tonnes to 7.04 lakh tonnes.

Industrial Production in West Bengal

436. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the industrial production in West Bengal has suffered due to the power crisis since March, 1972; and

(b) what steps Government are proposing to take to restore production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Precise figures regarding loss of production in West Bengal on account of power shortage since March, 72 are not available. The State Government, however, reported that Jute and Engineering industries in the