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Setting up of Cement Factory in Guyana with Indian help

6366. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government offered Guyana Government the help for setting up a cement factory; and

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been concluded, if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUB-RAMANIAM): (a) and (b) Government of Guyana have shown interest in securing assistance from India in connection with setting up of a cement plant in that country. A private Indian party is in negotiation with the Government of Guyana in this regard.

## Demand from All India Radio Staff Artistes Union

6369. SHRI M. S. PURTY:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand from the All India Radio Staff Artistes Union has been made that the Artistes be **B96 (SAKA)** Written Answers 170 given cadres as given to the Engineers and Administration in the Institution; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Staff Artistes of All India Radio Already constitute a separate cadre by virtue of their distinct character and terms and conditions of service.

## Sex Ratio at Birth in Rural Area of North India

6370. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sex ratio at Lirth in the rural area of North India marks a noticeable divergence from that of the ratio in rural India as a whole;

(b) whether any study in this regard has been made; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof, Statewise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) The sex ratio at birth (males per 100 females) in the rural areas of northern India is slightly higher than that of rural India as a whole.