

(c) The new Board of Directors are expected to improve the functioning of Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation.

#### STATEMENT

##### *Export earnings of Indian films*

(in '000) Rupees).

S. No.	Year	All India exports	Share of IMPEC
1.	1971-72 . . .	50,153	5304
2.	1972-73 . . .	54,014	3861,
3.	1973-74 . . . (upto 31-8-1973)	14,073	592

#### Cement Factory in Purulia (West Bengal)

2976. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE:

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

(a) whether any licence has been given to any concern regarding limestone and for starting cement factory in Purulia (West Bengal); and

(b) if so, the outline of the work done so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) A letter of intent has been granted to West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Calcutta, for setting up a cement plant at Jhaldia in Purulia district for a capacity of 2.0 lakh tonnes per annum.

(b) M/s. Development Consultants Private Ltd., were appointed as Consultants for the cement Projects and were asked to prepare a feasibility report. They were also asked to sub-

mit an interim report. In their interim report, the Consultants have observed.

- (i) that the minimum economic size of the plant will have to be 8 lakh tonnes per annum.
- (ii) The capital cost of the plant will be Rs. 24 crores.
- (iii) Purulia limestone will have to be used along with limestone from nearby sources.
- (iv) A detailed geological mapping of the Purulia deposits and the deposits of a nearby mine in Bihar should be undertaken to establish the limestone supplies

The Consultants are executing a turn key job of geological mapping of these deposits.

It was known that the Purulia limestone by itself would not be suitable for cement making without beneficiation. The West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation now proposes to manufacture blast furnace slag cement at Purulia instead of portland cement with the help of slag to be obtained from Bokaro.

#### Grant of Pension to Freedom fighters from West Bengal

2977. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO.

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received from the freedom fighters so far for the grant of pension from West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned and the number of the applications still pending for consideration; and

(c) the time by which all applications received for pension from freedom fighters are likely to be cleared?