

**Armed Forces Headquarters Employees**

1989. **Shri S. M. Bnerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present ratio of Assistants, Upper Division Clerks and Lower Division Clerks in Armed Forces Headquarters, New Delhi;

(b) whether there is a proposal to increase the ratio of Assistants and Upper Division Clerks;

(c) if so, what is the proposed revised ratio; and

(d) whether the revised ratio is likely to be implemented?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):**

(a) The existing proportion of Assistants, Upper Division Clerks and Lower Division Clerks in Armed Forces Headquarters is as under:—

Assistants	15%
Upper Division Clerks	35%
Lower Division Clerks.	50%

(b) to (d). The question whether the existing proportion of Assistants and Upper Division Clerks should be increased and, if so, to what extent is under the consideration of Government.

**Gas and Oil in Punjab**

1990. { **Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:**  
 { **Shri P. K. Deo:**  
 { **Shri Solanki:**

Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no likelihood of finding gas or oil in commercial quantities in the two drilling rigs in Punjab;

(b) if so, why these rigs have not been abandoned so far; and

(c) how much money Government have spent so far on these rigs?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel**

(**Shri K. D. Malaviya**): (a) and (b). As oil occurs in wells drilled with the help of drilling rigs, not in drilling rigs, the question presumably refers to the two wells recently drilled in Punjab—one at Adampur and the other at Janauri.

There is no likelihood of finding oil or gas in the well at Adampur. The well has been abandoned, and the rig is being removed.

The well at Janauri is still under test. However, the chances of finding oil or gas in that well are not much.

(c) The expenditure incurred on drilling these two wells has not been separately worked out yet.

**Praga Tools Corporation, Andhra Pradesh**

1991. **Shri Laxmi Dass:** Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Praga Tools Corporation, Andhra Pradesh has registered slow progress;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when the first phase will be completed;

(d) how much production capacity will be increased till the end of the first phase; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for the expansion of second phase of the above Corporation and details thereof?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):**

(a) to (e). I presume the Hon'ble Member refers to the expansion programme of the Praga Tools Corporation. The expansion of the Company was planned in 1959 in two phases. Soon after, however, it was decided to merge the first and the second phases and undertake a composite programme of expansion. The revised programme was approved towards

the end of 1960. For the successful implementation of the expansion programme the Corporation has, with the approval of the Government of India, concluded technical collaboration agreements with three U.K. firms for the manufacture of lathe chucks, drill chucks and tool and cutter grinders. The construction of buildings is progressing. A part of the capital equipment required for the manufacture of drill chucks has already arrived and the balance is expected before the end of 1962. The manufacture of drill chucks is expected to commence by the middle of 1963. Orders for machinery required for the manufacture of lathe chucks and tool and cutter grinders are being placed. Assembly operations for tool and cutter grinders have already started. The project will be completed in June 1964. Full production capacity is expected to be utilised by June 1965. The annual turnover after full implementation of the expansion programme is expected to be of the order of Rs. 100 lakhs.

#### **Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Mysore**

1993. **Shri S. B. Patil:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been formulated in Mysore State during Third Five Year Plan under the Centre and State sectors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be spent?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 67].

#### **Prices of Cement**

1994. **Shri S. B. Patil:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state the production cost and selling price of cement per

ton produced in Bagalkot, Shahabad and Bhadravati (in Mysore State) factories and the reasons for the difference in costs?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** According to estimates made by the Tariff Commission the cost of production of cement in the factories at Bagalkot, Shahabad and Bhadravati (in Mysore State) is as follows:—

	Rs. per tonne
(1) Bagalkot	59.52
(2) Shahabad	56.58*
(3) Bhadravati	61.86

\*The figure mentioned against Shahabad factory is the estimated cost of production of Messrs. Associated Cement Companies Ltd. comprising of 14 factories including that of Shahabad.

The cost of production of cement is dependent on various factors like cost of raw materials, cost of power and fuel, labour and establishment charges, depreciation, overhead expenses etc. which vary from factory to factory.

The ex-works retention price payable in respect of cement produced at these factories has been fixed by the Government at a uniform rate of Rs. 69.50 per tonne of naked cement (after providing for return on capital employed, allowance for rehabilitation, research etc.).

#### **Geophysicists for Third Plan**

1995. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the requirements of geophysicists in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the institutions or Universities having facilities for studies in geophysics upto M.Sc. standard;

(c) what is the expected outturn of B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc., in Geophysics from each institution;