

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;

(d) whether Government (University Grants Commission) have taken steps to induce Universities other than those which are having geophysics to introduce this subject for B.Sc., and M.Sc., course; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivalli): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Universities of Andhra and Banaras.

(c) M.Sc.s.

Andhra. 22 per annum.

Banaras. 12 per annum.

There is no B.Sc. (Hons.) in Geophysics.

(d) and (e). The various Visiting Committees appointed by the University Grants Commission to assess the development proposals of the universities keep in view the recommendations made by the various expert committees particularly with reference to development facilities in applied geology and geophysics. Wherever such centres are required to be started, the Commission considers grant of necessary assistance.

Foreign Exchange Facilities for Students

1996. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank has recently decided to allow some relaxation of foreign exchange facilities for educational purposes; and

(b) if so, what relaxations have been allowed and to what category of students these facilities are to be allowed?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Steel Plant in South

1997. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the team of Indian steel experts which recently went to West Germany to study matters for the purposes of establishing a steel plant in the South has since returned to India;

(b) if so, whether the team has submitted its report; and

(c) what are the main recommendations and observations made by the team in their report?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). Two members of the team of observers who were deputed abroad to observe smelting and sintering tests in East Germany, Norway and West Germany, have returned to India. The third member is expected to be back soon. They are expected to submit their report shortly.

Coal Movement

1998. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Coal Development Corporation is holding back output of coal because of transport shortage;

(b) if so, how far the production has been held back; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the transport arrangements?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The National Coal Development Corporation Limited achieved a rate of production of 13.7 million tons (13.9 million tonnes) in the last quarter of the Second Plan against their target of production of 13.5 million tons (13.7 million tonnes) per year. Subsequently however, production had to be deliberately curtailed. This was principally owing to the unusual rise in