

PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH) : (a). Yes, to the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) (i) Central assistance of Rs. 225 lakhs was allocated to the U. P. Government for the Slum Clearance and Improvement Scheme during the 3rd Plan period, out of which a sum of Rs. 81.09 lakhs was drawn by the State Government.

(ii) Since the beginning of the 4th Plan, the Slum Clearance and Improvement Scheme is in the State Sector. Central assistance to the State Governments for all development programmes in the State sector, including slum clearance scheme, is being provided in the form of 'block loans' and 'block grants'. The State Government are free to allocate funds for various schemes according to requirements and priorities fixed by them.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up Defence Production Board

3580. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken to set up a Defence Production Board to step up production ;

(b) if-so, the composition of the Board ; and

(c) whether the employees' representative will be taken as a member of the Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) (a). Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Ratio of L.D.Cs. and U.D.Cs. in Ordnance Factories/Inspectorates.

3581. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recent orders regarding change in the ratio of Lower Division and Upper Division Clerks have not been implemented in Ordnance Factories and Inspectorates ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) and (b). Government orders were issued in December 1969 revising the ratio of Upper Division Clerks to Lower Division Clerks from 3 : 8 to 4 : 8. These orders covered the Directorate General of Inspection also. The question of extending these orders to the Ordnance Factories is under consideration and orders are expected to issue very shortly.

Setting up Special Alloy Steel Plant at Kanpur

3582. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Special Alloy Steel Plant has since been set up in Kanpur ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the same ; and

(c) whether this is likely to be set up during the Fourth Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Not yet.

(b) The Government have accepted the necessity to set up this plant at Kanpur. The Detailed Project Report is expected by December, 1970.

(c) The plant is likely to be set up by 1975-76 ; however the full-rated production is likely to be achieved in the Fifth Plan period.