Status Paper

8730.   SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to achieve the objectives of the 'Status Paper' brought out by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Wide publicity had been given through media. Workshops and seminars had been organised throughout the country.

Supply of Levy Cement to Maharashtra

8731   SHRI S B THORAT Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of levy cement supplied to Maharashtra State out of the central pool in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the allocation of levy cement made to Maharashtra was much below its requirement. and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The details about the total quantity of Levy Cement supplied to Maharashtra State during the last three years, are given below:

Year	Total supplies (in lakh tonnes)
1	2
1987-88	8.67
1988-89	7.03
1989-90 (Up to January)	0.35

(b) and (c). After the introduction of partial de-control of Cement in February, 1982, the Levy obligation of Cement factories had been progressively reduced. The allocations of Levy Cement were made taking into consideration the overall availability of Levy Cement.

Industrial Production

8732 SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a deceleration in the industrial production since December, 1989 on a monthly basis;

(b) if so, the index of production for each month in 1989 and how it compares with the production during the corresponding period last year;

(c) whether the rate of increase in production for the last four months of 1989-90 has been much less than the corresponding increase during 1988-89;

(d) the contribution of the fertilizer sector to the deceleration in the industrial production; and

(e) the remedial measures contem-