

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:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total supplies (in lakh tonnes)</i>
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-

plated to restore the rate of growth in industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to the Index of Industrial Production compiled by Central Statistical Organisation which is available upto January, 1990, the average rate of increase during the period (December, 1989-January, 1990) was 10.2 per cent as against an average rate of growth of 10.4 per cent observed in these two months of last financial year

(b) A statement showing the monthly index of industrial production for the years 1988 and 1989 alongwith the percentage rate of change in 1989 over 1988 is enclosed.

(c) and (d). During the period (October, 1989-January, 1990) the industrial production registered an average growth of 9.1 per cent as compared to increase of 10 per cent in the corresponding period of last financial year. During the same period, the production of fertilisers declined by 6.3 per cent.

(e) Government have been taking various steps to give a further boost to industrial growth through a more liberal licensing policy, promotion efforts, incentives and subsidies, provision of concessional finance and infrastructural development. Various measures taken to boost industrial growth in the industrial sector include delicensing of industries, broad banding, re-endorsement of capacity with reference to minimum economic scales of operation, review of industries reserved for small-scale sector, etc.