

tively the decision is to import under the open general licence policy. The STC and the NAFED have been asked to explore the possibility of importing about two lakh tonnes of pulses. I cannot say how much progress is achieved by them so far.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Distribution of Tea through Public Distribution System

*44. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI R.M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government regarding the distribution of tea through Public Distribution System by reducing its price ;

(b) whether Government have approached the producers in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI
H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

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

Investment in Engineering Industry

*45. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :
SHRI MANIK SANYAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of investment in real terms, made in the engineering industry during the last three years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, how Government intend to move in the matter so as to accelerate the growth rate in this industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVE-
LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) to (c). Government have not made any assessment of investment in real terms in

engineering industry during the past three years. However according to Annual Survey of Industries, the value of invested capital in engineering goods industries during the years 1981-82 to 1983-84 was as follows :

(Figures in Rs. crores)

	Value of invested capital in engineering goods industries
1981-82	17023
1982-83	19557
1983-84	21354

Government have, inter alia, taken several measures to stimulate industrial production/growth which include delicensing, broad-banding, minimum economic scales of operation, enlargement of Appendix-I industries, re-endorsement of capacities based on actual production and modernisation and streamlining of industrial approval procedures.

During 1987-88 a special programme of technological upgradation for selected capital goods industries has been launched. These include electrical machinery, power generation equipment, ferrous castings and steel forgings, machine tools and industrial machinery.

Cost Overruns in Ongoing Central Sector Power Projects

*48. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the ongoing Central sector power projects, costing over rupees ten crores each which have had cost overruns and the total of such cost overruns ;

(b) whether Farakka, Korba, Singrauli and Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Projects have had a huge overrun of about Rs. 1695 crores ;

(c) whether overall accountability and completion responsibility within the original estimates was assigned to a definite competent authority/agency ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and if