

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN :

Well, we need your help also to persuade the State Governments.

Under-utilization of Installed capacity

***26. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI† :**

PROF. K. V. THOMAS :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a task force appointed by Government to survey a group of manufacturing plants has given a report stating that under-utilization of the installed capacity is rampant in the industry;†

(b) the names of such industries; and

(c) the reasons for not utilizing the full installed capacity and action contemplated by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). It is not understood which particular task force the Hon. Members have in mind. However, as per available information, a Statement showing capacity Utilisation during 1984 in selected industries is given below. The capacity utilization in the Indian industry would have been higher but for certain factors such as infrastructural and raw materials constraints, demand bottlenecks, adverse industrial relations and inadequate technological upgradation, etc.

Optimum utilisation of capacity continues to be corner-stone of Industrial Policy and several measures have been taken for raising production through better utilisation of capacity. This is being secured, *inter alia*, through suitable changes in industrial licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.

Statement

Capacity Utilisation Percentage in Selected Industries

Sl. No.	Industry	1984
1	2	3
1.	Aluminium	74
2.	Copper	83
3.	Zinc	58
4.	Lead	51
5.	Cement	74
6.	Nitrogenous Fertilizers	75
7.	Phosphatic Fertilizers	73
8.	B.H.C. (Tech.)	76
9.	D.D.T.	86
10.	Paper and Paper Board	63
11.	Newsprint	83
12.	Gaustic Soda	78
13.	Liquid Chlorine	58
14.	Oxygen Gas	75
15.	Soda Ash	92
16.	D/A Gas	53
17.	Vat Dyes	68
18.	Industrial Explosives	79
19.	Auto Tyres	78
20.	Bicycle Tyres	81
21.	Viscose Tyre Cord	33
22.	Nylon Tyre Cord	123
23.	Nylon Filament Yarn	107
24.	Polyester Fibres	85
25.	Viscose Filament Yarn	76
26.	PVC Resins	58
27.	Polysterene	71
28.	L.D.P.E.	90
29.	H.D.P.E.	130

1	2	3	1	2	3
30.	Synthetic Rubber	76	62.	Transmission Towers	60
31.	Winding Wires	67	63.	Agricultural Tractors	92
32.	PVC/VIR Cables	41	64.	Diesel Engines (Stat.)	56
33.	Aluminium Conductors	35	65.	Power Driven Pumps	61
34.	Ball and Roller Bearings	84	66.	Air/Gas Compressors	191
35.	Baby Food	85	67.	Road Rollers	17
36.	Biscuits	89	68.	Earth Moving Equipments	33
37.	Soaps	109	69.	Commercial Vehicles	73
38.	Synthetic Detergents	57	70.	Cars	81
39.	Matches	80	71.	Jeeps	121
40.	Leather Footwear	66	72.	Scooters	67
41.	Rubber Footwear	70	73.	Motor Cycles	88
42.	Cigarettes	68	74.	Scooterettes/Mopeds	90
43.	Penicillin	43	75.	Three Wheelers	63
44.	Streptomycin	57	76.	Railway Wagons	50
45.	Dry Batteries	68	77.	Steel Pipes and Tubes Galvanised	38
46.	Storage Batteries	75	78.	Seamless Steel Pipes and Tubes	34
47.	GLS and other Lamps	101	79.	Welding Electrodes	75
48.	Fluorescent Tubes	97	80.	Wire Ropes	75
49.	Electric Fans	104	81.	Forged Hand Tools	58
50.	Domestic Refrigerators	100	82.	Grinding Wheels	78
51.	Dicycles	82	83.	Power Cables	—
52.	Sewing Machines	70	84.	Motor Starters and Contactors	52
53.	Typewriters	74	85.	Calcium Carbide	58
54.	Razor Blades	63	86.	Wheat Flour	64
55.	Wrist Watches	75	87.	Beer	140
56.	Radio Receivers	46	88.	Leather Cloth	36
57.	Machine Tools	87	89.	Linoleum	69
58.	Twist Drills	94	90.	Polyester Filament Yarn	148
59.	Power and Distribution Transformers	71	91.	Viscose Staple Fibre	100
60.	Electric Motors	75	92.	Cellulose Film	54
61.	Structurals	28	93.	Amo Dyes	69
			94.	Paints and Varnishes	87

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95.	Malathion	37	127.	D.M.T.	82
96.	Sulpha Drugs	67	128.	Room Air Conditioners	58
97.	Vitamin 'A'	79	129.	Pencils	104
98.	Chloramphenicol	46	SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : How much time will it take...		
99.	Optical Whitening Agents	77	SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : The hon. Member is not audible.		
100.	Steel Castings	49	SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : How much time is required for achieving a proper utilisation of the installed capacity ?		
101.	Steel forgings	48	SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : For reaching optimum utilisation how much time will you require ? That is the question.		
102.	Aluminium Sheets and Circles	68	SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : It is still not audible.		
103.	Aluminium Foils	94	[Translation]		
104.	Aluminium Extruded Products	89	MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, you may also say something.		
105.	Copper/Brass Sheets/Circles	56	[English]		
106.	C.I. Spun Pipes	41	The Minister is not able to hear you. Please put your question a little louder. You are a young lady.		
107.	Bolts, Nuts and Rivets	35	SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : For achieving full capacity utilisation, I want to know how much time will they require ?		
108.	Hurricane Lanterns	34	MR. SPEAKER : How much time is required for attaining optimum capacity utilisation ? That is what the hon. Member wants to know.		
109.	Boilers	112	(Interruptions)		
110.	Sugar Machinery	59	[Translation]		
111.	Mining Machinery	97	MR. SPEAKER : I have also added something of my own.		
112.	Metallurgical Machinery (incl. Steel Plant Equipment)	75	[English]		
113.	Chemical Machinery	68	THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) : It depends on the capacities. It differs from unit to unit. There are hundreds of thousands of units which are germane to this question and it is upto the individual units concerned		
114.	Papers and Pulp Machinery	38			
115.	Cement Machinery	66			
116.	Printing Machinery	73			
117.	Rubber Machinery	105			
118.	Cranes	31			
119.	Lifts	98			
120.	Wire Rods for ACSR	49			
121.	Graphite Electrodes and Anodes	89			
122.	House Service Meters	71			
123.	Clocks	36			
124.	Zip Fastners	42			
125.	Rubber and Plastic Accessories	92			
126.	Caprolectum	82			

to make proper planning and necessary efforts like putting up balancing equipment, debottlenecking and provision of captive facilities etc. All these are pertinent and germane steps which could be taken by the individual units.

PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Many of our industries...

MR. SPEAKER : You are matching the lady member who put the question on this side.

Please be a little louder.

PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Many of our industries in the public sector are incurring heavy losses due to outdated machinery and obsolete techniques. Will the Government implement a time-bound programme for modernisation of the machinery and updating the technology ?

SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI : I agree with the hon. Member that one of the reasons for lower capacity utilisation is obsolescence of the machinery and capital equipment. We have been taking steps to modernise the level of equipment and it shall be our endeavour in the Seventh Plan also.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Additional Kerosene and Cooking Gas for Orissa

*21. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have approached the Union Government for allocation of additional kerosene to Orissa and to clear the backlog of the cooking gas; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional allocation of Kerosene has been made to Orissa. Measures have also been taken by the Oil Industry to improve supplies of LPG in Orissa.

Expansion of Telecommunication network during Seventh Five Year Plan period

*27. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to implement schemes for the expansion of telecommunication network during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the expansion of telecommunication network in the above Plan period;

(c) the amount approved by the Planning Commission for implementing telecommunication network in the Plan period; and

(d) the salient features of the telecommunication schemes proposed to be implemented in the Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 4010 crores for telecommunications services during the 7th Plan.

(d) Broadly, it will be possible to add the following facilities :

(i) About 11 lakhs direct exchange lines.

(ii) About 9000 long distance public telephones.

(iii) About 13,000 route KMs of microwave systems and 4000 route KMs of fibre optical system.

(iv) About 30,000 telex lines.

(v) Rural integrated digital networks in 15 secondary switching areas