

1-6-1981 when the 12-monthly average consumer price index reached 408 point. However, the sanction of an instalment of DA is not automatic, but is considered by Government in the light of various factors.

Private Capital for Creating Additional Capacity for Production of Pig Iron

*94. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering some plans to attract fresh private capital for creating additional capacity for the production of pig iron; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). No plans to attract private capital for creating additional capacity for the production of pig iron are under consideration of the Government, but applications from private/public sector units for Letters of Intent for production of pig iron are being considered at present.

Supply of Yarn to Handloom Weavers

*95. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review their policy regarding supply of yarn to handloom weavers; and

(b) if so, the details of Government plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The existing policy

appears to be fairly adequate to meet the needs of the handloom sector for yarn.

(b) For ensuring supply of yarn in sufficient quantities to the handloom weavers, Government have imposed a statutory obligation on all spinning mills to pack at least 50 per cent of the yarn ment for market deliveries in the form of hanks. Out of this, 85 per cent should be in counts of 40s and below which are mainly used by the handloom sector. Besides, certain ad-hoc arrangement for short term supplies through National Textile Corporation and Indian Cotton Mills Federation are taken to take care of short-term problems of rising prices and shortages in specific areas.

To meet the target of production of 4100 million metres by 1984-85, additional spindlage of 2.1 millions is being planned. Of this, nearly 1 million will be in the cooperative sector which will ensure captive availability of yarn for the handloom sector.

Iron Ore Pellet Plant, Mangalore

*96. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iron Ore Pellet Plant is being set up with Romanian help at Mangalore in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what would be the estimated cost and capacity of the plant; and

(c) the nature of help that is being given by Romania?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.