

(c) With the above investment an additional generating capacity of 19686 MW is targeted for commissioning in the Sixth Plan period which will step up the aggregate generating capacity to 51191 MW. This financial provision would also enable Government to initiate action to take up construction of new projects to synchronise with the build up of power demand which is directly dependent on the rate and pattern of growth of the consuming sectors in the Seventh Plan. The above target and the financial provisions are consistent with the rate of growth and pattern of economic development projected in the Plan for the country.

State Labour Ministers' Meeting Regarding Minimum Wages

*427. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the standing committee of the State Labour Ministers' conference had discussed the subject of minimum wages, the need for its revision and machinery for negotiated wage settlements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision arrived thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c). The subject was discussed generally by the Standing Committee of Labour Ministers' in September, 1980. It decided to divide itself into four groups (sub-Committees) in order to consider in depth and to make recommendations on, *inter-alia*, regulation of minimum wages and periodical review of wage agreements. The concerned sub-committee met in February, 1981 and its recommendations will be put up to the Standing Committee in its next meeting.

Restrictions on Tourists on Leh- Manali Road

*428 SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Leh-manali road in J&K State is prohibited for foreign as well as Indian tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to restriction for tourists, many tourists are facing problems for the purpose of trekking and sight seeing in this region;

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw restrictions for travelling of Indian and foreign tourists on this road in the light of public demand;

(d) if so, when the restrictions will be withdrawn and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether a copy of the notification under which the said road has been banned to tourists will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d). Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(e) The Notification No. G.S.R. 300 (E) was published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) Part-II Section 3 Sub-section (i) on 24th May, 1978, a copy of which has been made available in the Parliament Library.

(a) Leh-Manali road is open upto Upshi in J&K and closed only from south of Upshi in J&K upto Sarchu in Himachal Pradesh. The foreign tourists are, however, permitted to visit the Gompas at Gya, Miru and Rumte, lying south of Upshi provided they are in possession of necessary permits from the District Magistrate concerned, travel in groups of upto 20 persons and are accompanied by a 'guide' provided by J&K state authorities. The Indian tourists can visit these areas after obtaining permit from the State authorities.

(b) to (d). Relaxations to the extent possible have already been made. It is not possible to make further relaxation at present for reasons of security.

DGTD Industries will negative growth rate

*429. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI B. D. SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of industries registered with the DGTD have shown negative growth during the year 1980;

(b) if so, details thereof stating the reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated growth rate likely to be achieved by the end of the financial year 1980-81 against the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). Out of 132 industries for which the growth is monitored every month, 60 industries have shown a negative rate of growth. Details thereof and the reasons therefor are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The growth for DGTD industries during 1980-81 was targetted at 10 per cent. Based on the performance during April-December, 1980 the likely growth during 1980-81 is estimated to be between 7 to 8 per cent.

Sl. No.	INDUSTRY	Weight	% decline during	
			Jan-Sept 1980	1980 (Jan-Dec.)
1	2	3	4	5
<i>A Mainly due to infrastructural constraints of power & coal etc</i>				
1.	Beer	0.69	..	-4.1
2.	Newsprints	0.02	-4.2	-1.7
3.	Nitrogenous Fertilizers	0.87	-12.5	-9.6
4.	Caustic Soda	0.32	-0.2	-3.1
5.	Soda Ash	0.22	..	-0.8
6.	Oxygen Gas	0.05	-11.1	-9.0
7.	L.A. Gas	0.12	-5.1	-2.9
8.	Calcium Carbide	0.06	-24.2	-19.8
9.	Viscose staple Fibre	..	-3.1	-18.6
10.	Vat Dyes	0.41	-0	9.9
11.	Cement	1.17	-7.8	-2.2
12.	Steel Castings	0.61	4.6	-5.7
13.	Aluminium	0.55	27.8	-12.7
14.	Power Transformers	1.48	-3.0	-3.8