

Import of Second-Hand Machinery for Paper Manufacturing

*366. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether paper manufacturers have been allowed to import second-hand machinery from Europe ; and

(b) if so, whether indigenous machinery manufacturers have protested against it ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATI TIWARI) : (a) and (b). Second hand paper machines upto a capacity of 30 tonnes per day were allowed to be imported by small and medium entrepreneurs under a special scheme which was in force till 31st March, 1981. The indigenous paper machinery manufacturers had represented that continued import of second hand paper machines was hampering their interests. Having regard to the stage of development and capacity of the indigenous paper machinery building industry, it was decided to discontinue the scheme for import of second hand paper machines upto 30 tonnes per day capacity with effect from 1-4-81.

Legislation for Agricultural Workers

*367. SHRI K. A. RAJAN :
SHRI B. V. DESAI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for a Central Legislation for agricultural workers is pending before the Government for a long time ;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of this proposal ; and

(c) what measures are being taken to expedite the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for Agricultural Workers was recommended to the Central Government by the Central Standing Committee on Rural Unorganised Labour, in July, 1980.

(b) and (c). In view of the lack of unanimity amongst the State Governments on this subject, the whole matter is being placed before a Working Group for an indepth study as recommended by the 32nd State Labour Ministers' Conference.

सीमेंट की मांग और सप्लाई के लिए सर्वेक्षण

*368. श्री सज्जन कुमार :
श्री कृष्ण च। पांडे :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में सीमेंट की बढ़ती हुई मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए सीमेंट की मांग और सप्लाई का कोई सर्वेक्षण किया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी ब्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग और श्रम मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) : (क) और (ख) योजना प्रायोग द्वारा 1980-85 के लिए

सीमेंट उद्योग के संबंध में निम्नलिखित किये गये कार्यकारी हल ने मांग की धीरे धीरे पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान किए जाने वाले सीमेंट के संभावित उत्पादन का अनुमान लगाया है। इसका ब्योरा सभा पटल पर रखे जाने वाले विवरण में दिया गया है।

विवरण

वर्ष	मांग	(लाख मी० टनों में) किया जाने वाला सीमेंट का संभावित उत्पादन
1981-82	302.20	220.00 (अनुमानित)
1982-83	326.40	289.80
1983-84	352.50	328.60
1984-85	380.70	372.60

Plan to end Industrial Sickness

*242. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan to end industrial sickness ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the sick units proposed to be taken up under this plan ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (c). Government is currently engaged in evolving a comprehensive policy in

relation to industrial sickness. The policy when finally formulated will not only apply to different categories of sick units but provide a plan of action, at different levels, vis-a-vis the phenomenon of industrial sickness.

Amount allocated for developing new energy sources in Punjab

3401. SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the amount allocated to the Punjab Government during the current year for schemes for development of new energy sources; assistance to Scientific institutions and multi-disciplinary research in science and engineering ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH) : The Department of Science and Technology funds research projects in different areas of science and technology, including New Energy Sources, based on proposals received from various scientific institutions in the country, after getting them referred by experts, through various funding mechanisms operated by the Department. There is no direct allocation State-wise or institution-wise for this purpose.

Currently, the following research schemes funded by the Department are being undertaken at institutions in Punjab :