

and (b). The "complaint" published in the Times of India of 6th of October, 1982 relates to non-receipt of cement to the extent of about 11,000 metric tonnes by the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking during the last four quarters.

The position in this regard was reviewed and Cement factories have been directed by the Cement Controller to make arrangements for despatch of 6,000 tonnes of cement immediately. It has been reported that 3,100 tonnes of cement have since been received by the Undertaking and the remaining is expected to be received shortly.

Supply of Machines on Hire Purchase basis by N. S. I. C.

*341. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation plans to supply machines worth Rs.12 crores on hire-purchase basis to entrepreneurs from weaker sections of the society during the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether the NSIC has delegated some of its functions to the Branch Offices which became operational on Gandhi Jayanti this year to cover large sections of the society;

(c) whether NSIC is extending several concessions to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, physically handicapped persons and to small scale industries in backward areas; and

(d) to what extent the Corporation has so far helped these areas?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The Corporation plans to supply machines, worth Rs. 12 crores to all types of small entrepreneurs including weaker sections of society.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Machines worth about Rs. 24 crores have so far been supplied to entrepreneurs in backward areas and to entrepreneurs of special categories, namely, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Ex-Servicemen and physically handicapped persons.

Power Generation capacity of Nuclear Power Plants in India

*342. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nuclear power stations generate only 2 per cent of electricity now produced in India in a year;

(b) if so, what is the Atomic Energy Commission's plan to install nuclear energy capacity by 2000 A. D.; and

(c) the specific steps taken to achieve the target by that time?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The installed capacity of nuclear power plants accounts for approximately 2.6 per cent of the present installed capacity for electricity generation.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to increase the installed capacity of nuclear power plants to 10,000 MWe by the year 2000. For this, it is initially proposed to set up a number of 235 MWe unit size reactors of the standardised, Narora type to be scaled up later to 500 MWe unit size. Our existing proven resources of uranium are considered adequate to meet this target. Facilities for mining and milling of Uranium, manufacturing of fuel and heavy water are also being augmented as required. In addition, efforts are being made to enable indigenous industry to gear itself to the production of the various components required for this programme.