

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, I have gone through the statement which the hon. Defence Minister has laid on the Table of the House. My idea was to ask the hon. Minister very clearly whether our Defence Production Units are working to the full capacity. The reply to the part (a) of my question, is that they are working as per the requirements of the service. But it does not clearly say on this point. But anyway my supplementary is this. The Public Accounts Committee in its 29th Report of 1980-81, has clearly said that the production in the Vehicle Factory at Jabalpur has fallen down considerably and due to that the cost of production has gone up by 257 per cent. May I know from the hon. Minister what action has been taken to overcome this shortfall? Is it a fact that a huge amount of sophisticated productive process equipment are lying unutilised at your R & D Units, especially at the R&D Unit, Bangalore and the item of gas turbine which is worth Rs. 70 crore has not been utilised for the last one year?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, there are 33 ordnance factories and nine public sector units under Defence. So far as the 33 ordnance factories are concerned, their utilisation is over 75 per cent. There may be individual cases where the particular unit is not fully utilised. For instance, if you take the public sector units, the HAL group, Bangalore is not fully utilised, whereas Lacknow and Kanpur are 100 per cent utilised. Therefore, in individual units it may not be fully utilised for particular reasons, but if you take the overall picture the utilisation of the public sector units will be as I give the figures: The Hindustan Aeronautics 70 per cent, in 1981-82; the Mazagon Docks 80 per cent, Goa Shipyards 95 per cent, Praga Tools 71 per cent and so on. This is the position with regard to these. Of course, there may be individual units...

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, my question is very simple. Time is very short before the Hon. Speaker says the Question Hour is over. The PAC Report has shown that production has gone down considerably in Vehicle Factory; and you

know vehicle is a very big requirement for the Army. Today units which are authorised for four jeeps are having two jeeps.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, if the Hon. Member had put a question about vehicle factory, I would have collected all the material about vehicle factory. He has put general question about the productivity of the defence establishments, therefore I have collected material with regard to total productivity. If he wants individual figures, he may please put a question separately.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, vehicle units are defence production units. Jabalpur is a defence unit.

MR. SPEAKER: Individual cases you cannot tackle here.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, vehicle is a defence production item. Anyway, Part (b) of my question is that there are lot of sophisticated items which are lying unutilised in the R & D units. What is the reply of the Minister to this?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: So far as the R & D units are concerned, they will be utilised to the extent to which they are needed. In some cases they are used when a particular research is taken up and in some cases they may not be used at a particular time. To our best of information the R & D units are now being utilised to a very large extent. I don't have information that R & D units are under-utilised.

Facilities of Boats, Launches, Mini Buses and Elephants for Tourist Sports

*750. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) what are the tourist spots selected where Government have extended facilities of transport like boats, launches, mini-buses and elephants in the country; and

(b) whether some money has also been sanctioned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

Funds Released to State Governments for the Purchase of Mini-buses, Elephants, Boats and Launches during the Sixth Five Year Plan

Mine-Buses/Jeeps:

Rs. 10.31 lakhs were released to the State Governments for the purchase of mini-buses for Sasangir; Bharatpur and Sariska; Hazaribagh; Kaibul Lamjao Park and Jaldapara.

Elephants:

Rs. 1.35 lakhs were released to the State Government for the purchase of elephants for Betla for viewing wild life in the Palamau National Park.

Boats:

Rs. 13.22 lakhs were released to the State Governments for the purchase of boats for Pong Dam; Tilaiya lake; Patna; Ukai lake; Bilaspur; Siliserh, Jaisamand (Alwar), Jaisamand (Udaipur), Nakki lake (Mt. Abu) and Ana Sagar (Ajmer).

Motor Launches:

Rs. 36.50 lakhs were released to State Governments for the purchase of launches for the Sunderban and for river and coastal cruising in Goa.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: Sir, I have gone through the statement made by the Hon. Minister and I felt that very meagre amount has been allotted to this facility of boats, launches, mini-buses and elephants for transport.

In this context I don't want to put a question, but want to suggest that more money should be allotted to these facilities.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN: Sir, this is a suggestion for consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri N. Dennis.

SHRI N. DENNIS: Question No. 753.

MR. SPEAKER: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Advice to States Regarding Revision in Pay Scales of their Employees

*736. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre had advised the State Governments not to revise the pay scales of their employees without consulting the Centre;

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

(c) the reaction of State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Central Government have not advised the State Governments in general not to revise the pay scales of their employees without consulting the Centre. However, since revision of pay scales often involve large financial commitments, it has been suggested that an arrangement for consultation between the Centre and the States needs to be evolved before large scale revision of pay scales is undertaken so that serious anomalies and disparities in pay scales are avoided and the resources for the plan are not eroded. So far there is no reaction to the above suggestion

Revised Estimates for Construction of Thermal Building at Leh

*741. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly inflated revised estimates for construction of Leh air terminal building have