

nuous operation, since January 1982, but due to non-availability of power, has had to be shut down from 30 September, 1982.

(b) and (c). Efforts are being made to obtain the requisite power and requirements to re-start the plant.

Funds for modernisation of five major industries

*57. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has asked for funds from Government for the modernisation of cotton textiles, cement, sugar, jute textile and engineering industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the improvement in productivity and quality would alleviate shortages and reduce imports; and

(d) how far it would be the best antidote to inflation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have estimated the requirement of funds for the modernisation of the five industries over a period of 5 to 7 years at Rs. 3682 crores. Institutional finances needed will be between 589 crores to 421 crores a year. Margin at 20 per cent amounting to 147 crores to 105 crores will have to be found by the industries from out of their own resources.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Capital intensity in modernization being less than in an equivalent grass-roots location, the inflational pressure in the process is admittedly less.

Car thefts in Delhi

*58 SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a marked rise in the car thefts in Delhi during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of vehicles recovered during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (c). It is not correct to say that there has been any increase in the cases of car thefts in Delhi during the last 2 years. On the contrary, there has been a decrease in such cases. The number of cars stolen and recovered during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 (up to 15-9-1982) are indicated below:

| | Stolen | Recovered. |
|------------------|--------|------------|
| 1980 | 1124 | 889 |
| 1981 | 943 | 716 |
| 1982 | 492 | 368 |
| (upto 15-9-1982) | | |

Vacant posts of research officers in planning Commission

438. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the period since when the posts of Research Officers are lying vacant in the Planning Commission;

(b) the reasons thereof;

(c) whether he would investigate the causes of these prolonged vacancies;

(d) whether action would be taken against the officials if found delaying these promotions just on trivial grounds; and