

and several other constraints, continued in the initial months of the year 1980-81. The available information which pertains to indices of industrial production during the first eight

months of the year 1980-81 from April 1980 to November 1980, and the percentage change over the corresponding months of the previous year is given below:—

Month	Index of industrial production* (Crude) (base 1970=100)		Percentage change in the index in 1980 over the corresponding month of 1979
	1979	1980	
April	140.0	138.8	-4.9
May	140.4	143.4	-2.0
June	143.3	141.2	-0.1
July	144.6	147.9	2.3
August	147.3	148.4	0.7
September	145.6	150.3	3.2
October	143.8	151.2	5.1
November	145.8	155.2	6.4

\*Provisional

Source

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Factors affecting industrial production have been receiving keen attention at the highest level and appropriate remedial measures have been taken to remove various constraints. Utmost emphasis has been laid on optimum utilisation of existing capacity and sustained efforts have been made to ease the infrastructural bottlenecks.

As per latest available indications, industrial production has shown a revival since July, 1980. Production of selected industries for which provisional information is available, shows an overall rise of 11 per cent in January, 1981 over the same month last year.

श्रमिकों को दिया गया नमक का  
अपर्याप्त मूल्य

\*526. श्री हीरालाल आर. परमार : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नमक उद्योग में लगे श्रमिकों को विशेष रूप से गुजरात में अपने नमक का उचित मूल्य नहीं मिलता है,

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह पता है कि नमक उद्योग के मालिक श्रमिकों से 1.50 अथवा 2.00 रुपये की दर से नमक खरीदते हैं और इसे 14 से 22 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की दर से बेचते हैं; और

(ग) क्या श्रमिकों को उचित मूल्य के भुगतान को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार का कार्यवाही करने का विचार है और यदि हाँ, तो कब तक और क्या उपरोक्त तथ्यों की जांच की जाएगी तथा श्रमिकों को राहत देने के लिए कार्यवाही की जाएगी।

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरण जीत चानना): (क) नमक उद्योग में लगे श्रमिक न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 के अन्तर्गत संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा समय समय पर अधिसूचित दैनिक या प्रति नग (पीस रेट) की दर के आधार पर

मजदूरी पाने के हकदार होते हैं । गुजरात सरकार द्वारा इस प्रकार की न्यूनतम मजदूरी की दर अधिसूचित की जा चुकी है और इसके कार्यान्वयन और समय पर स्थिति की समीक्षा करने के लिए वहीं उत्तरदायी हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) . प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

#### Appointment of Senior Hindi Officers in Ministries

\*527. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministries which have not yet appointed Senior Hindi Officers in accordance with the guidelines circulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue a directive to the authorities of the Ministry of Finance not to reject the proposals for creation of posts for implementing the Official Languages Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House, when received.

(b) Additional Hindi posts required for the implementation of the Official Languages Act, 1963 have been exempted from the general ban orders applicable to non-plan-posts. Such proposals are considered with reference to the actual requirement in each case and the broad guidelines laid down by the Ministry of Home Affairs in August, 1973.

#### Monthly Industrial Growth Rate

\*529. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly rate of growth in industrial production during the calendar year 1980 as compared to similar period during the preceding three years;

(b) what is the expected rate of growth in industrial production during 1980-81; and

(c) whether it conforms to the Government's projections of the rate of growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). The Sixth Five Year Plan 1980—85 envisages an average annual rate of growth of 8 per cent for industrial production during the five year period. The backlog of negative growth rate continued in the initial months of the current financial year. As per latest available indications, industrial production has shown revival since July, 1980. Production of selected industries for which provisional information is available shows an overall rise of 11 per cent in January, 1981 over the same month last year.