

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): The question of stoppage of issue of stamps in honour of martyrs does not arise. In fact, we have honoured our martyrs by issue of a memorial stamps just recently. Luckily for us in this country, there have been myriads of martyrs. It is not possible to honour each one of them individually. So far as individuals are concerned, those in whose memory we have featured stamps are men like Sardar Bhagat Singh.

SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: I do not quite understand or appreciate Government's difficulty in issuing a stamp in the name of every martyr. But in view of the fact that there are outstanding cases of martyrs who represented the love of freedom of certain people, of certain regions in States, and also considering the fact that by honouring these martyrs individually, Government and the nation will not only be honouring the individuals concerned but the entire region concerned, will Government consider the case of Vir Tikendra Jeet under whose generalship the entire people of Manipur fought in 1891 and suffered martyrdom in their thousands, for the issue of a commemoration stamp in his honour and in honour of the people of the region?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: We have every respect for the name of the reserved martyr referred to by the hon. member as well as the sentiments of the people of Manipur. But as I said earlier, we have neither rejected nor accepted it; all such suggestions are forwarded to the Philatelic Advisory Committee, whose advice in these matters Government generally follow.

श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब कोई स्मृति डाक टिकट प्रचलित किया जाता है तो क्या उसके लिये कोई पालिसी होती है या कोई काइटींगिंग होता है ? दूसरी बात यह है कि

सौभाग्य से इस समय प्रधान मंत्री हाउस में उपस्थित हैं। 1972 में जब वह इन्दौर गई थी तो उन्होंने प्रातः स्मरणीय देवी ग्रहिल्या के सम्बन्ध में बहुत ही अच्छे विचार व्यक्त किये थे। उनको एक ज्ञापन भी दिया गया था कि उनके लिये स्मृति डाक टिकट निकाला जाये। इस सम्बन्ध में इस हाउस में भी कई बार प्रश्न प्रस्तुत किये गये हैं। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो सरकार की पालिसी है उसके अन्तर्गत क्या देवी ग्रहिल्या के सम्बन्ध में स्मृति डाक टिकट निकालने के लिये कोई योजना विचाराधीन है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपने इसको हम सवाल के माध्यम से जोड़ दिया ?

श्री फूलचन्द बर्मा : प्रधान मंत्री जी का आपण मैंने बड़ ध्यान से सुना था।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : प्रधान मंत्री के भाषणा का झगडा नहीं है, यह रेनेवेंट होने का झगडा है।

SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA: May I know whether Government have got any other proposal to commemorate Vir Tikendra Jeet? So far as I remember, an ex-MP, Shri Lalit Sharma, brought forward a proposal that a picture of Vir Tikendra Jeet be installed in Parliament House. Will Government consider that?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: The question is hardly relevant.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पार्लियामेंट हाउस की बात आप मुझसे पूछा करें।

Index of Industrial Production during November-December, 1972

*844. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-

MENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether figures relating to index of industrial production for the months of November and December, 1972 have since become available; and

(b) if so, the industrial growth recorded during these months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHR PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) The official index of industrial production is available only upto the month of November, 1972.

(b) The general index of industrial production stood at 198.0 in November, 1972, and showed a growth rate of 4.4 per cent as compared to output in November, 1971. The growth rate in the first eleven months of 1972 (January-November), was 7.0 per cent as against a rise of 2.8 per cent registered during the corresponding period of 1971.

DR. H. P. SHARMA: The reason why I asked for the index of industrial production for the months of November and December, specifically is that the usual pattern of industrial production has been that even if there is a sluggish rate of growth in the earlier part of the year, it spurts up and the figures for November and December are the highest. In December 1970, it was the second highest and in December 1971 it was the highest. Would the Government give any reason for this total reversal in the picture of industrial production?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: So far as the industrial production for the first 11 months is concerned, corresponding to the last year's figure, it is progressive; 7.0 per cent as against 2.8 per cent for the last year, that is, 1971.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): The point of the hon.

Member is that usually in November and December, the production is at the peak. The reason, unfortunately, is that we had the power shortage during these months and that is why November has shown a decreasing trend. Perhaps the effect will be felt a little more during December, January, February and March.

DR. H. P. SHARMA: Power shortage is there, of course, and there are other constraints like licensing policy, because the position today is that production also is not allowed in any industrial unit unless it is specifically licensed to produce that item even if there is spare capacity that is waiting to be utilised, and there are items which are for mass use. I am not including the capacity which comes under the purview of the MRTP Act. My specific question is that, where there is capacity waiting to be utilised, and there are items that are in short supply, even then, why cannot you cut down the red-tape and find solutions to these artificial and readily correctable distortions.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have relaxed the restrictions with regard to the capacity to the extent of 100 per cent with regard to some of the industries which are important enough for economic growth and that exercise has gone on. We have recognised the increased capacity. But the main difficulty is one of power and without power, simply recognising the greater capacity is not going to give results.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: In March, 1972, industrial production index came to 208.0. But in November, it came down to 198.0. You find that in the month of November, 1972, the growth rate of industry is not the usual one as we found in November 1971 or 1970. It is not normal. From 208, it has come down to 198.0. Also, it went down further in December. In 1973, in January, February and March, production has gone down further, that is, the rate of growth has come down to one per cent. There-

fore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what measures and steps the Government is taking to see that this distortion so far as industrial production is concerned, is set right. Why should it go down so rapidly? What steps are taken to see that the unutilised capacity in the industry to the extent of 50 to 60 per cent is utilised at once?

What steps are going to be taken to see that this is remedied?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is true that the index of production rose to 208 in March a little bit abnormally for this month from 196. In the next month, that is, in April, it slumped to 190. Therefore, you have to take the average for a year rather than in a particular month which might be due to abnormal reasons existing during that period.

But, as far as the industrial growth is concerned, we are taking various steps for the purpose of improving the power position and within a short period, we cannot work wonders. Still it is possible to improve the position and we are hoping that at least by the end of this year, if not the entire power shortage, we should be able to reach a satisfactory position with regard to the availability of power.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: What about the unutilised capacity?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have already answered this. This has been gone into and to the extent necessary, the unutilised capacity has been utilised. For the purpose of utilisation, it is all a question of supply of raw materials and the infra-structure being made available which is mainly power.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: May I know whether the workers will be associated in the industrial units belonging to the public sector undertakings? If so, may I know whether any policy decision has been taken to associate them or their representatives in various boards and committees to see that the production increases and industrial harmony is also maintained?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I cannot give in details about the workers' participation.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: My question is this. Has any final decision been taken by the Government in this regard?

MR. SPEAKER: If you want a reply to this question, you better give him notice. I do not ask him not to reply. He wants a notice for that.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO: Industrial production also depends on the investment of the country. May I know the investment made in various sectors—small, medium and core—in the first 10 months of 1972 so that that can give us an index of industrial growth?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have given all the details.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO: You have not given.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: May I know whether the industrial production will give an assessment with regard to the growth in employment potential in these organisations?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This is completely a separate question. Here the question relates to the index of production. If my hon. friend puts a separate question, I shall be able to answer.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय श्री-
श्री मंत्री महोदय ने यह स्वीकार किया है कि उद्योगों में उत्पादन घटा है। उत्पादन घटने का मूल कारण यह है कि मजदूर समस्याओं को समय पर और ठीक प्रकार से मूलझाया नहीं जाता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इन समस्याओं को तत्काल मूलझाने और मजदूरों को मुनाफ़ में हिस्सेदार बनाने के बारे में विचार कर रही है, ताकि उत्पादन बढ़ सके।

MR. SPEAKER: The question is whether the figures are available or not. You are going to into all sorts of things,

श्री हुकम चन्द कठवार : मंत्री महोदय ने यह स्वीकार किया है कि उद्योगों का उत्पादन घटा है। चूकि मजदूरों की नाना प्रकार की समस्याएँ नहीं सुलझती हैं। इसलिए उत्पादन घटता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हू कि क्या सरकार उन समस्याओं को हल करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है।

MR. SPEAKER: S.Q. No. 845—
 Shri Priya Ranjan Das Munsi & } Absent
 „ Fateh Singh Rao Gaekwad }
 S.O. No. 846—
 Shri S. N. Mista } Absent.
 „ Birenjer Singh Rao }

Proposal for sharing Television Technology by H.A.L. Hyderabad

*847 SHRI RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether H.A.L. at Hyderabad proposes to share television technology with licensed manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the names of manufacturers selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., at Hyderabad has developed engineering know-how for the manufacture of TV Receivers. This know-how is being passed on to approved parties, preferably in the Small-scale Sector and sponsored by the State Small Industries Development Corporations. One Company in Hyderabad, M/s. Bharat Television Pvt., Ltd., a joint-venture of the Andhra Pradesh Small Scale Industrial Development Corporation, has entered into an agreement in November, 1972, with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., for the transfer of the know-how. Similar negotiations are in progress with the Orissa Small Industries Corporation.

Name of the Undertaking	Item of manufacture
1. Pulgaon Cotton Mill Ltd. Pulgaon	Cotton yarn and cotton cloth.
2. Rai Sahib Rekhch and Mohatta Spinning and Weaving Mills Hinganghat	Cloth and Yarn.
3. R. B. Bansilal Abirchand spinning and Weaving Mills Hinganghat	Cotton Yarn.
4. Prakash Vegetable Oil Products Wardha	Vegetable Oil
5. Prakash Vanaspati Udyog Wardha	Vanaspati.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: The Andhra Pradesh Small-Scale Industrial Development Corporation entered into a joint venture and an agreement has been reached in 1972. May I know whether any definite date has been indicated by this corporation in the agreement to begin the manufacture of the TV sets?

SHRI K. C. PANT: I do not have this information with me. In any case, we do not fix the date. It is for them to fix the date and work accordingly.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: If there is no definite date indicated and if they prolong it, they will be denying other companies the benefit of sharing this technical know-how.

MR. SPEAKER: He says he does not have the information.

Setting up of Public Sector Industries in Wardha

*848. SHRI J. G. KADAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wardha District has no big industrial establishment; and

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to establish any industry in Public Sector in Wardha District for its industrial development; and

(c) if so, what?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There is at present no industrial establishment in the public sector located in Wardha District. However, the following five industrial undertakings in the private sector are located in Wardha District:—