

cement is regularly scrutinised by a high level committee of Secretaries with a view to extending such assistance as may be possible, to the factories facing movement difficulties.

Licences and letters of intent for additional capacity of over 17 million tonnes have also been issued, out of which a capacity of about 17 million tonnes is likely to materialise during 1974-75

Export of Equipment by Indian Telephone Industries

*534 SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the net profit earned by Indian Telephone Industries by export of equipment during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K BRAHMANANDA REDDI): The net profit earned on exports by the Indian Telephone Industries during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Profit
1971-72	Rs 621 lakhs
1972-73	Rs 350 lakhs
1973-74	Rs 148 lakhs

Production of Items of Mass Consumption

*535 DR H P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his address on 'Workshop on Financing of Rural Industries' organised by the National Institute of Bank Management in

July, 1974 he indicated that Government was re-assessing its policy of allowing the manufacture of sophisticated items in urban areas with a view to increasing the production of items of mass consumption; and

(b) if so, Government's decision in regard to the review of the industrial policy in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). While addressing the 'Workshop on Financing of Rural Industries' organised by the National Institute of Bank Management, the need to give a positive shift to the small industries programme through production of items of mass consumption and production based on indigenous raw materials as against production of so-called sophisticated items for urban consumption was stressed. The Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 continues to govern Government's decisions in this regard as amplified by the Industrial Licensing Policy statement of 2nd February, 1973. It is Government's endeavour to ensure that licensing decisions conform to the growth profile of the Plan and that techno-economic and social considerations such as economies of scale, appropriate technology, balanced regional development and development of backward areas are fully reflected.

Visit of Specialists from European Countries

*536. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state.

(a) whether a group of six specialists from the European countries would visit India shortly to get first hand account and discuss specific areas of co-operation in the field of manufacture of equipment, consultancy and other services;