

(b) and (c). While the production during the period April, 1970, to February, 1971, has been on the whole satisfactory at the plants at Bhilai and Jamshedpur, production was adversely affected on account of disturbed industrial relations at Durgapur and Burnpur and to some extent at Rourkela. At Durgapur and Rourkela, there are also some technical and operational constraints/deficiencies to which attention is being paid.

डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडे : मैं आपके माध्यम से जानना चाहूंगा कि पिछले तीन चार वर्षों में इन कारखानों में कितनी हानि हुई और किन कारणों से हुई तथा उसके कारण देश के उत्पादन में जो कमी आई है वह कितनी आई है ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : I want notice of that. These details are not immediately available. If the hon. Member wants the details for the last two years, they can be made available to him.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cement Factory in Andhra Pradesh

*18. **SHRI ESWARA REDDY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Cement factory at Yerraguntla in Cuddapah District (Andhra Pradesh) has been under consideration of Government since the Second Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal ; and

(c) whether in view of the serious drought conditions in Rayalseema and the total absence of any public sector project in the area, Government propose to give priority to this project ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) to (c). Licences/Letters of Intent were issued to certain parties who proposed to set up a cement factory at Yerraguntla during the years 1956-65. These were either surrendered or cancelled for one reason or the other.

According to a feasibility report prepared by the Cement Corporation the setting up of a factory at this place was feasible. The present policy of Government is to set up cement factories, in the Public Sector only in the deficit areas and discourage the coming up of additional capacity in surplus areas. Andhra Pradesh is surplus at present in the production of cement and there is no proposal at present to set up a factory at this place.

Report of Commission for Determining Prices of Cars

*23. **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Car Prices Enquiry Commission has submitted its report ;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Commission ; and

(c) the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Report was received only on the 29th March 1971, i.e. yesterday, and it is yet to be examined.

Soviet Experts Report Re: Underground Railway in Calcutta

*24. **SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Soviet Experts team has submitted the techno-economic feasibility report on the proposed Underground Railway in Calcutta ;

(b) if so, the main details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have approved the report ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In their Report, the Team of Soviet Consultants have recommended the construction of an Underground Railway, extending from Tollygunge in the South to Dum-Dum in the North, passing through the Central Business District of the City. The Soviet Team have not recommended the

construction of the Suburban Dispersal Line.

(c) The Report is currently under consideration of the Government.

Messand for Funds for Implementation of Social Welfare Programmes by the State

*26. SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (Social Welfare) be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments have made representations to the Centre that due to want of funds they cannot implement social welfare programmes ; and

(b) whether Government propose decentralisation of Social Welfare activities so that the Zilla Parishads could be activated ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) No ; Many State Governments have asked for more funds for Social Welfare Programmes. Grants are given to the State Governments within the allocations fixed for Plan Programmes.

(b) The responsibility of implementing social welfare programmes rests with the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to take action for decentralisation of social welfare activities if it is considered necessary to do so far activating the Zilla Parishads.

Reopening of Standard Car Factory in Madras

*27. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are plans to enable the Standard Car Factory in Madras to be reopened after sorting out the labour problems ; and

(b) if so, the details of the plans and the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). As a result of a settlement reached between the manage-

ment and the representatives of labour, the factory of M/S. Standard Motor Products of India, Madras had already been re-opened on the 22nd February, 1971.

Increase in Prices of Tyres and Tubes

*29. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether prices of tyres and tubes have gone high in black market due to the shortage of these products in the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps that Government have visualised to ensure the stability of price of tyres and tubes ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Although there is no overall shortage of automobile tyres and tubes in the country, shortages, to some extent, in certain categories of tyres, particularly truck and tractor tyres, are being experienced and reports alleging certain malpractices and irregularities in distribution were received during the last quarter of 1970.

(b) Government have recently issued Letters of Intent for establishment of additional capacity of 24 lakhs nos. each of automobile tyres and tubes. The manufacturers have also taken action to streamline and improve their distribution system.

Laying of Rail Track Between Kathua and Jammu

*30. SHRI INDER J. MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made for laying rail track between Kathua and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir State ; and

(b) the probable date by which the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAJIYA) : (a) The overall physical progress achieved upto end of February, 1971 is 28.62%.

(b) The line is expected to be completed in 1972.