

As per the available data, 404 and 1387 small scale units were registered during 1990 in Unnao and Ghaziabad districts respectively.

(b) and (c). Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991, the requirement of industrial licence has been done away with except for a short list of 18 industries. An entrepreneur is free to set up his unit anywhere as long as the location conforms to the locational policy of the Government.

#### Fire in Coal Mines of Bihar

426. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:  
SHRI RATI LAL KALIDAS VARMA:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have requested U.S.A. for help in extinguishing fire in coal mines of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOURA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In search of the suitable technology for completely extinguishing the existing fires in Jharia Coalfields of Bihar, a team of four Mining Engineers were deputed to USA to examine the available technology to control the fires. The team has identified the following technologies which could be applied to deal with fires:-

Use of hydro monitors for quenching the fire followed by

excavation of heated debris and coal;

- ii) Drilling under high temperature conditions;
- iii) Infusion of foams through boreholes;
- iv) Use of expanded cement-slurry mix for sealing of the cracks and stabilising the area.

[English]

#### Annual growth rate of Industrial Sector

427. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth rate of production in industrial sector during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) the growth rate during the period from April 1991 to January 1992 vis-a-vis growth rate during the corresponding period of 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to the information provided by the Central Statistical Organization, the annual rates of growth in the Seventh Plan period were as follows:

Year	Rate of Growth (%)
1985-86	8.7
1986-87	9.1
1987-88	7.3
1988-89	8.7
1989-90	8.8