

(b) and (c). The Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP) is being constructed and by the Department of Atomic Energy with the assistance of Canadian Consultants. M/s. Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. have been appointed as consultants for the nuclear portion of RAPP and M/s. Montreal Engineering Company Ltd. for the conventional portion. The area of consultancy by the Canadian firms has been considerably reduced in the case of the second unit of RAPP and a greater responsibility has been assumed by the departmental engineers. With the exception of the turbo-generator and special pumps, all major components for this unit, nuclear as well as conventional, are being manufactured in India. The extent of indigenous content in the construction of this unit comes to about 60 per cent.

Strike Threat by Indian National Cement Workers Federation

9737. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian National Cement Workers Federation has given a threat to launch a strike of cement workers in the near future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are their demands; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to avert the strike?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d). The Federation has not given any strike notice. Demands have, however, been made by the workers for the early finalisation of a new wage structure for the industry. Discussions with the parties on the subject have been held at two meetings convened by the Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation in Bombay and Delhi on 20th April, 1973 and 30th April, 1973 respectively.

Defects in distribution of Truck Tyres in Calicut

9738. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a memorandum from the Calicut Lorry Owners Association about the defects in distribution of tyres and consequent black marketing; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to avoid these mal-practices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). A memorandum from the Secretary, Kozhikode Lorry Operators' Association has been received under cover of a letter dated the 25th April, 1973 from Shri A. K. Gopalan, M. P. Due to strikes and severe power cuts imposed by State Governments, there is currently a shortage of tyres in certain categories. Remedial measures including import of tyres to meet the situation are being taken.

Employment for Rural Cultivators in their Traditional Skills

9739. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money sanctioned, disbursed and actually spent, State-wise, during the last three years to provide partial employment to the rural cultivators in their traditional skills;

(b) whether there is a gap between actual investment and output, and if so, the details thereof and the factors responsible for the same; and

(c) the total number of new employment opportunities created, State-wise, through implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c). The Hon'ble Member presumably refers to the programme for the training for improving the traditional skills of rural artisans under the programme for Small Farmers Development Agency and Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers. Of the 87 projects in operation under SFDA and MFAL, 78 project agencies have submitted their proposals regarding rural artisans to the Government of India. Fifty nine of these proposals have been approved; three are under clearance while the remaining sixteen agencies have been asked to revise their schemes in accordance with the pattern laid down. An amount of Rs. 5 lakhs has been allocated for the artisan programmes under each project for the Fourth Plan period. Separate figures regarding the expenditure on rural artisan schemes by the agencies are not, however, available. The progress reports received from the Agencies indicate that the following number of persons had benefited through training and follow up programme upto 28th February 1973.