

district which is a backward area of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited have two units and as per provisional figures, their production during 1989-90 was 42,491 cycles.

(b) No, Sir.

[English]

Allotment of Berths at Varanasi and Mughalsarai Stations

5248. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received that instead of following the waiting lists, berths are allotted at random at Varanasi and Mughalsarai railway stations which have over ten minutes halts for important trains; and

(b) if so, the action initiated to curb this practice?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Some complaints have come to notice.

(b) with a view to ensure that berths/seats are allotted strictly on the basis of priority, checks are conducted from time to time. Violation if any, on the part of the staff is viewed seriously and defaulting staff punished suitably.

[Translation]

Compensation for Victims of Accident in Daya Basti, Delhi

5249. SHRI RAM KRISHAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some innocent children of J.J. colony died on 21st March, 1990 due to caving in of earth at Daya Basti Railway Track near Jakhira flyover while an express train was passing from there;

(b) if so, whether the said accident occurred due to negligence of Railway Department; and

(c) whether any compensation is proposed to be paid to the families of the deceased children?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) On 21.3.90, near Dayabasti railway station, about 50 yards away from the railway track, 5 children, residents of nearby jhuggies, who were unauthorisedly digging the earth for taking it or domestic purposes died due to caving in of earth. At that time, a train was passing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of cement plants in Punjab

5250. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up any cement plant in Punjab during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). Cement Corporation of India, an undertaking of the Government of India, have undertaken to set up a cement grinding plant of 5.00 lakh tonnes per annum capacity at Bhatinda in the Punjab State. But due to non-availability of environ-

mental clearance, setting up of this project is being reviewed/studied considering alternative locations.

Setting up of news print/paper mills in Punjab

5251. SHRI S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up some news-print and superior quality paper mills in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is proposed to make use of wheat-husk, rice-shall and eucalyptus trees in the manufacture of paper;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some proposals from Punjab Government are under consideration in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Central Government have no plans to set up newsprint and paper mills in Punjab.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) and (f) (i) The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. applied for grant of a letter of intent for manufacture of 33, 000 TPA of High quality writing and printing paper, including reprographic and computer paper, in District Hoshiarpur (Punjab). This application has been rejected by the Government and the Corporation has submitted a representation against the rejection of the application.

(ii) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. have recently applied for grant of a letter of intent for the establishment of a new undertaking in district Patiala (Punjab) for the manufacture of 40,000 TPA of sugar and 15,000 TPA of paper.

[English]

Fair Price for Caprolactum for Nylon spinners

5252. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to fix a fair price for caprolactum for the nylon spinners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). There is no statutory price control on caprolactum.

[Translation]

Beas-Sutlej Link Project

5253. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Beas-Sutlej Link Project has been completed by the Himachal Pradesh Government with Central assistance;

(b) whether silt ejectors have been installed under the Project at Baggi and Ghangal in the Mandi district;

(c) if so, whether fertile land of the poor farmers in being destroyed by silt thrown by these silt ejectors; and