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Dispur	1,326
Kohima	183
Itanagar	55
Aizwal	736
Imphal	823
Agartala	644
Port Blair	453

as on 25.10.88.

Investment Limit of Small Scale and Ancillary Industrial Undertakings

475. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to redefine the Small Scale and Ancillary Industrial Undertakings and to increase limits of investment in fixed assets in plant and machinery;

(b) whether Government propose to take care of impact of inflation since the last policy Statement of 23 July, 1980 and also the trend of liberalisation in industrial policies ; and

(c) how far the enhancement in investment limits will help in industrial development, especially of backward areas, in employment generation, gearing up of export promotion and improving competitiveness ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c). Keeping in view the escalation in the cost of plant and machinery since 1980 and also to facilitate the small scale and ancillary industrial undertakings to modernise their plant and machinery to achieve growth, the Government in

March'85 had enhanced the investment limit in plant & machinery for small scale industrial undertakings from 20 lakhs to Rs. 35 lakhs and that for ancillary industrial undertaking from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 45 lakhs. The main idea undertaking small scale industries itself is dispersed industrial development in all areas including backward areas, employment generation and manufacture of goods at competitive prices through exploitation of local resources and local skills.

Supply of Coke to States

476. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coke supplied to States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the acute shortage of coke in West Bengal; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF) : (a) State-wise despatches of soft coke during the last three years is indicated below: