

(c) A number of steps have been taken to improve the performance of the existing equipment. These include improvements in the ash evacuation system, rapping mechanism of the Precipitators, cyclones of the mechanical dust collectors. Linking-coal with reduced ash content to the power station is also being pursued. An expert Group was also set up to recommend measures to reduce pollution. The Group has, in its report recommended:—

(a) provision of a new electrostatic precipitator in place of the mechanical dust collector for Unit I;

(b) replacement of the existing electrostatic precipitators in other units by new precipitators of suitable design;

(c) regulatory orders to provide for local of 20—25 per cent ash content being supplied to Indraprastha Power Station;

(d) Research and Development measures to be initiated to collect data on the behaviour of a full-scale precipitator with low sulphur Indian coals, to study the effect of gas conditioning on the performance of precipitators and to study the optimum settings of precipitator control equipment and improved operating procedures for the same.

The recommendations of the Expert Group are under implementation by Delhi Electric Suplpy Undertaking.

बेरोजगारी समाप्त करने के लिए योजनायें

1435. श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकारी घोषणा के अनुसार अगले दस वर्षों में देश से बेरोजगारी समाप्त कर दी जायेगी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या योजनाएं बना रही है ; और

(ग) इन योजनाओं को कब से क्रियान्वित किया जायेगा तथा इस सम्बन्ध में विभिन्न योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन की क्या प्रवृत्ति रखी गई है ?

प्रधानमंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) से (ग) योजना आयोग से यह कहा गया है कि वह रोजगार को बहुत अधिक प्रधानता देते हुए छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना तैयार करे। आयोग इस संबंध में ठोस नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों को प्रस्तावित करेगा।

Capacity in Ordnance and Arms Factories

1437. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any surplus capacity in Ordnance and Arms factories;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider entering international market for small arms; and

(c) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir. The capacities of Ordnance Factories producing Arms and Ammunition are at present fully booked in meeting the requirements of the three Services and para-military forces.

(b) and (c). The question of exporting small arms to friendly countries is considered on merit as and when we have surplus capacity. It would not be in the public interest to give details thereof?

Expenditure incurred for entertainment of Journalists

1438. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money sanctioned and spent for entertainment by the Minister in 1975-76 and 1976-77; and

(b) whether there is a provision for providing duty free liquor in this entertainment; and