

(xi) Government have decided to encourage the setting up of a large number of mini cement plants;

(xii) State Governments have been requested to be vigilant against the activities of unsocial elements and also take over distribution through cooperatives and other public outlets to the extent possible;

(xiii) Government have also appointed a High Level Committee to make a comprehensive study of the cement industry with a view to removing the constraints in the way of optimum production;

(e) The above measures are expected to improve considerably production and distribution of cement;

Relay Centre in Sangli

2384. SHRI R. K. MHALGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation requesting to set up a relay Centre in the surroundings of Sagavoba in Sangli District of Maharashtra has been received by Government recently ;

(b) whether the said demand is being supported by various educational, special institutions and local bodies in the said region and also the forest department of State Government have agreed to allot free of cost a piece of four acres of land for the purpose ; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir, No such representation appears to have been received by Government are also not aware of any offer of land free of cost by the State Government.

(c) Does not arise

Import of Power Equipment from Romania

2385. SHRI D. AMAT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether discussions to import power equipments from Romania were held with Romanian Delegation in July, 1978 ; and

(b) if so, the results thereof.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, Discussions were held recently with a Romanian delegation regarding the availability of technically suitable power plants manufactured in Romania with a view to consider these for use in India against export of iron ore.

Since the technical information available was inadequate, the Romanian delegation have been asked to furnish further detailed technical information.

Rajasthan Scheme Re. Helping Poor Families

2386. SHRI S. S. SOMANI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme was sent by the State of Rajasthan for the approval of the Central Government to help poor families stand on their own legs and

(b) if so, the details regarding this scheme and the reaction of Central Government in respect of granting some financial help to the State ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) A project report entitled 'Antyodaya—A Five Year Perspective and the Plan of Action' has been received from the Rajasthan Government by the Planning Commission;

(b) The project report is under examination in the Planning Commission. A final view in this matter will be taken in the light of the results of this examination.

It may, however, be added that an allocation of Rs. 2 crores, as proposed by the Rajasthan Government for Antyodaya Scheme, has been included in their Annual Plan—1978-79.

Regional Development in J. & K.

2387. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the difference in the regional development in the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) What steps Government propose to take to remove the wide difference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI) : (a) Yes, Sir.