

Recession in the Industries

2105. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether while Government are claiming that inflation has been controlled, actually signs of recession are being witnessed in a number of industries such as heavy engineering, commercial vehicles, tractors, power driven pumps, paper and paper pulp machinery etc.; and

(b) if so, what is being contemplated by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The engineering industries recorded substantial growth in production during 1981-82 over the production in the previous year, contributing to the over all industrial growth of around 8 per cent in 1981-82. The Transport Equipment Sector recorded a growth of 24.7 per cent in 1981-82, Industrial Machinery, 11.9 per cent and Electrical Equipment and Auxiliaries 9 per cent. However, the manufacturers of Commercial vehicles, tractors, paper and pulp machinery and power driven pumps have reported a lower off take production in recent months due to slackening in demand. The Government is seized of the problem and the necessary measures including modifications in the Credit Policy are being taken to meet the situation.

Modification of rules and regulations governing the tourists

2106. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently amended and modified the rules and regulations governing tourists;

(b) whether these new procedures have been severely criticised by Foreign Airlines, Travel Agents Associations and the Press in India and abroad; and

(c) if so, what are the main points of their criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Outlay distribution for 20-point programme

2107. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total outlay of Rs. 4380 crores has been provided under 20-point programme for the year 1982-83;

(b) if so, whether this amount will be distributed amongst the States;

(c) the formula for distribution/disbursement of annual allocation to different States; and

(d) any other basis on which allocation is to be made?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) An estimated outlay of Rs. 8374.48 crores will be available for the 20-Point Programme during 1982-83 under the Central and States/UTs Plans. The outlays have been derived from the outlays provided under the Annual Plan 1982-83 of Central Ministries and States/UTs.

(b) to (d) Since the outlays have been derived from the Annual Plan outlays of the States/UTs, the question of their distribution to the States does not arise.