

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions of the Prime Minister have been sent to the State Governments and U.T. Administrations and the matter is under correspondence. A minorities cell has been created in the Ministry of Home Affairs to oversee the work relating to the welfare of minorities.

(c) No exact assessment can be made at this stage.

The implementation of the suggestions should have a salutary effect.

Supply of Skelp and Coils to Tube Unit

3782. SHRI AJIT BAG :
PROF. RUPCHAND PAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the tube manufacturing units in the Eastern Region have been affected due to the erratic supply of skelp and hot rolled coils by the Steel Authority of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government for ensuring the regular supply of the above mentioned raw materials to the tube manufacturing units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There has been a temporary shortage in supply of raw materials by Steel Plants due to severe power cuts and other constraints.

(c) Availability of raw material during the year is likely to be adequate to meet the demand of the Steel Tube manufacturing Units.

Low level of success in Entrepreneurship Programme

3783. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the relatively low level of success in the existing entrepreneurship programmes ; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to make such programmes more effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Closer linkages with agencies concerned with entrepreneurship programmes in the country have been established to make the programmes more effective. Government have also set up a National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development as an apex national level institute for promoting entrepreneurship in the small scale industries sector.

Power Shortage in Steel Plants

3784. SHRI DEEN BANDHU VERMA :
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of special steel is seriously affected because of the power shortage ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss of production in tonnage and its value ; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to restore the normal production in the public sector steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) to (c). Production of steel including of special steels has been affected in the SAIL Steel Plants because of shortage of power. Separate figures are not available in respect of loss of production relating to special steels. However, the loss of production in respect of all types of saleable steel during the first

four months of 1983-84 has been 4,42,750 tonnes. Efforts are being made to ensure regular supply of power in close cooperation with the supplying organisations. The steel plants are also making efforts to maximise their own captive power generation. As a long-term measure, additional captive power generating units are being established in Bokaro, Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur.

Technological processes developed by CSIR laboratories

3785. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made as to how many and in what fields the CSIR laboratories and other scientific bodies developed new and imported technological processes and how many of them have been put to industrial uses ; and

(b) whether the results achieved by the laboratories are found commensurate with the investments in setting them up and maintaining them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) CSIR and other scientific bodies have been offering new/improved processes and technologies developed by the NRDC for commercialisation. About 1600 processes have so far been acquired by NRDC.

Over the last several years, about 370 processes and technologies have been utilised in the country, resulting in commercial production. The technologies developed pertain to chemical and allied industry, drugs and pharmaceuticals, dyes and dye-intermediates, food industry, pesticides and insecticides, leather industry, marine chemicals, plastic resins and paints, engineering industry covering mechanical, electrical, electronics and building construction :

(b) Laboratories and institutions established under the Department of Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics, Defence, and

agencies such as CSIR, ICMR, ICAR have been undertaking research in basic sciences as well industrial research. Impressive capabilities have been created which have led to many discoveries and inventions resulting in a high degree of self-reliance as well as self-sufficiency in several areas including food. In particular, success has been achieved in import substitution and production of a variety of goods and in improvements in their quality and reliability. Further our capability for identification of valuable natural resources like minerals, fuels, plant products have been considerably strengthened. Such a capability has enabled a high degree of planned development in harnessing our natural resources and providing major infrastructure in the country covering fuels and utilities, transport, and communications. It has also enabled us to train personnel in design, fabrication, construction and successful operation of many plants, equipments and machinery. Further it has enabled us to contribute to improved environmental conditions. Many traditional technologies have been improved and have resulted in exports. Major advances have also been made in areas of health and in reduction in communicable diseases. The results achieved are, therefore, considered commensurate with the investments made in establishing and maintaining our scientific institutions.

Pollution in Doon Valley

3786. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of researchers has submitted a report on the Doon Valley Ecosystem in which it has been pointed out that the twenty-six lime based major industrial units proposed to be set up in the Doon Valley will be destroying the environment needed for forestry research by Forest Research Institute ; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to stop this kind of pollution of environment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH) : (a) Yes, Sir,