

**Gross National Product in 1971-72**

1003. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the gross National Product of India during the year 1971-72 ;

(b) whether the estimated Gross National Product for 1971-72 could not be achieved ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to step up production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) The estimates of Gross National Product for 1971-72 are not yet available.

(b) In the absence of estimates the extent of achievement cannot be indicated. Indications are that the Gross National Product may fall short of the target set in the Annual Plan.

(c) The slower growth of the economy during 1971-72 was due to slower growth of industrial production. This had also adverse effect on the growth of tertiary sector. To step up industrial production various measures have been taken up by the Government of which notable ones are : measures for fuller utilisation of installed capacity of key industries, liberalisation of raw material imports and acceleration of creation of additional capacity.

**Development of Process for Manufacturing Potassium Fertilisers**

1004. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar has developed a process for manufacturing potassium fertilizers, potassium chloride and potassium schoenite from mixed Salt ;

(b) if so, whether potassium schoenite has already proved to be a substitute for potassium sulphate ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose

to encourage the process and technique to save foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Results of field trials in a number of agricultural research stations indicate that potassium schoenite could be a substitute for potassium sulphate.

(c) The process has been released for commercial exploitation through National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) of India, New Delhi and the process is being exploited by a firm in Tamil Nadu since 1971.

**Amount Spent on Tours Performed by Union Ministers**

1005. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent by Government on tours undertaken by each Central Minister during the financial Year 1971-72 ; and

(b) how does it compare with the similar expenditure during the last three years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) As the financial year 1971-72 is not yet over, it is not possible to furnish the desired information,

(b) Does not arise.

**Examination of Companies by Sarkar Commission-1971-72.**

1006. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Companies belonging to TATAS, SAHU-JAIN and BIRLAS which were examined by the Sarkar Commission in the year 1971-72; and

(b) the outcome of the examination ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-

MENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). The investigations by the Commission of Inquiry on Large Industrial Houses (Sarkar Commission) are in progress and it is not possible to indicate the outcome of the examination at this stage. The outcome of the examination will be available only after the Commission submits its Report to the Government.

#### Illicit Inter State Deals in Explosives

1007. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether large-scale illicit inter-State deals in explosives are going on in India and some prominent and big merchants are involved in these deals ;

(b) whether in August, 1971 the Calcutta Detective Police seized about 252 kgs of potassium chlorate enough to manufacture thousands of bombs and also seized many documents;

(c) if so, a brief account of the seizures and the persons arrested in this connection ; and

(d) how far the case has progressed and what steps have been taken to put a stop to such illicit deals ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) to (d). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House on receipt.

#### इंजीनियरों के लिए रोजगार

1008. श्री मोहन स्वरूप : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या समाचार पत्रों के अनुसार 1977-78 में इंजीनियरों की भारी मांग होने की सम्भावना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो स्थिति का मुकाबला करने के लिए क्या ठोस कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(ग) इस समय जो इंजीनियर बेकार हैं, उनको किस प्रकार रोजगार दिया जायेगा ?

गृह मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एक० एच० मोहसिन) : (क) सरकार 1977-78 में इंजीनियरों की भारी मांग के बारे में प्रेस रिपोर्टों से अवगत नहीं हैं। तथापि इंजीनियरों की सम्भावित मांग व पूर्ति से सम्बन्धित स्थिति का पुनरीक्षण किया जा रहा है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) इस भाग से सम्बन्धित सूचना 15-3-1972 को अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 229 के उत्तर में पहले ही दे दी गई है।

#### Employment of Indian Engineers Returning from Foreign Countries

1009. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether qualified Indian engineers in foreign countries have applied for jobs in India ;

(b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made to offer these engineers employment in India; and

(c) the number of engineers who have returned in 1971 and whether any assessment has been made about the total number of young Indian engineers abroad who are eager to come to their country ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) Many Indian Scientists and Engineers abroad have expressed their desire to come back to India.

(b) Some of the measures taken to facilitate the return of Scientific and Technical Personnel to India are given in the Statement attached. These efforts will be continued.

(c) No assessment has been made by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of the total number of Indian Engineers abroad who are eager to come back.