

Potentiality of Cashew Nut Shell Liquid

*59. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the potentiality of cashew nut shell liquid (CNSL) as a raw material for plastic industries; and

(b) what is the estimated annual use of CNSL in India, as against annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated annual production of Cashew Nut Shell Liquid is 15,000 tonnes and the use within the country is of the order of 2,000 to 3,000 tonnes.

Implementation of Autonomous District Council Act in Tripura

*60. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tripura has sought the help of the Prime Minister to implement the Autonomous District Council Act in Tripura; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Tripura has written to Prime Minister describing the background in which this law was enacted by the State Assembly and sought her blessings and co-operation for its early implementation. This Act is a State law and State Government are competent to implement it on their own.

High Level Working Group on Cement Industry

332. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a high level working group to suggest a policy framework for cement industry covering issues like pricing, distribution, freight equalization and location;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference and whether a report of the working group has been received;

(c) if so, broad outlines of their recommendations and also which of those have been accepted and which not accepted with reasons therefor; and

(d) if no report has yet been received, when it is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference is attached as a statement. The report of the working group has not yet been received.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Working Group is expected to furnish its report by the end of June, 1980.

Statement

1. To estimate the domestic demand (all India as well as regional) for cement by the end of the five year period, 1984-85 and 1989-90.

2. To suggest policy framework for the cement industry covering such issues as pricing, distribution, freight equalisation, location etc. so that industry develops on a sound economic footing and in the light of this—

(a) to recommend capacity and production targets for each year upto 1984-85 to meet the