

[*Translation*]

Assistance for Sewage Facility in Himachal Pradesh

1008 SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) Whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh have sought financial assistance from the Union Government to provide sewage facility in the cities there,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN)
(a) and (b) No, Sir, However, the State Government has sought technical clearance and external assistance for the improvement and extension of sewerage system for Shimla town at a cost of Rs 30.47 crores and sewerage scheme for Manali town at a cost of Rs 2.98 crores

(c) There is no Central assistance for providing sewerage facility in cities at present

[*English*]

Fire in N. T. C. Mill, Nagpur

1009 SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out in the Model Mills of NTC at Nagpur recently causing damage to the machinery etc .

(b) whether the management of the said NTC mill has since stopped production, and

(c) if so, the steps the Government proposed to take to replace the burnt machineries and start production immediately?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The Model Mills have since resumed partial working NTC has taken the following measures to restart the mill in phases -

(i) Usage of sized beams lying in stock and transferring Weft Yarn from sister units or purchase from out side market to keep cloth production going,

(ii) Surplus Draw Frames and Inters were transferred from sister units, to Model Mills, so that partial working or Ring Frames could be started and

(iii) Since the delivery period of the machines damaged by fire is very long, all reputed manufacturers have been approached by NTC to supply the required machines on out-of-turn basis

Expansion of Public Distribution System

1010 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to expand and strengthen the Public Distribution System to check rise in prices of essential commodities, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN) (a) and (b) Efforts to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System are made on a continued basis by Central Government, State Governments and UT Administrations. Among other measures the Central Government have advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to include, on their own, additional items of mass consumption for distribution to consumers by using PDS outlets, to ensure coverage of the entire population living in all the areas provisions of Essential Commodities Act (E C Act) and similar other legislation to curb hoarding, blackmarketing etc. The number of fair price shops have increased from 3.02 lakhs in March, 1984 to 3.6 lakhs in March, 1990.

Guidelines for Admission to Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering

1011 SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the basic guidelines for obtaining admission to Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE) and Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering Research (PGDIER),

(b) whether the Director of NITIE is empowered to relax such guidelines

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to initiate an enquiry into the alleged irregularities by the Director of NITIE and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE) (a) The minimum

qualifications for admission are as under:

1 *Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE)*

(i) *General Candidates*

Graduates in Engineering and Technology of any Indian University or equivalent institution. Candidates must qualify through Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)

(ii) *Industry Sponsored Candidate*

First class degree in Engineering/Technology and a minimum of 2 years work experience

2 *Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering Research (PGDIER)*

(i) *Sponsored Candidate*

(a) *From 1984 to 1986*

A first class degree or high second class in any branch of Engineering or Technology or equivalent qualification like Graduateship Examination of Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering, etc and four years of relevant working experience in organisations of repute

(b) *From 1987 onwards*

A first class degree in any branch of Engi-