

34. Metallurgical & Engg. Consultants (I) Ltd.
35. Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.
36. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.
37. National Aluminium Company Ltd.
38. National Fertilizers Ltd.
39. National Minerals Development Corpn. Ltd.
40. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.
41. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd.
42. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.
43. State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.
44. Telecommunications Consultants (I) Ltd.
45. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
46. Water & Power Consultancy Services (I) Ltd.

RBI report on industrial growth rate

746. SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has expressed its opinion that the industrial growth rate would reduce by 2 per cent during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The Annual Report of the Reserve Bank of India for the year ended June, 1991 has stated that in the industrial sector there would necessarily be some slow-down in the growth rate during 1991-92. General import compression, credit restraint both with stepped-up cost and reduced availability and reduction in the public expenditure and investment programme could all result in some slowdown in industrial growth. While such industries like food processing and other agro-based segments, which have a large weightage in the index of industrial production, may not be affected by import compression, some of the manufacturing industries like fertilisers, electronics and computers, mini-steel plants and plastic goods, which have a relatively high import content,

would face subdued growth during 1991-92. Also, a large number of industries which are dependent on demand from public sector would also show some decline. Overall, it is expected that the industrial sector as a whole may achieve a growth rate of about per cent during 1991-92 against 8.4 percent during 1990-91.

Development of Khadi Industry

747. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes formulated for the development of Khadi industry;

(b) what are the types of charkhas or spinning wheels introduced for promotion of spinning industry in the domestic sector and what kind of assistance is made available to the spinners for adoption of the available spinning wheels; and

(c) whether there is a proposal with Khadi and Village Industries Commission to introduce domestic spinning units with 24 to 48 spindles to reduce unemployment in the rural parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) KVIC has formulated various patterns of assistance for