

Decline In Steel Production

3236. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel industry is in doldrums as the present production trends do not indicate that the country would reach the target of 25 million tonnes by 2000 A. D.;

(b) what are the reasons for the gradual decline in steel production; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to step up production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Steel production has in fact shown a gradual increase in the past few years and not a decline.

(c) In order to further increase the production of steel a programme of investment in improved maintenance and in modernisation of steel plants is under implementation.

Use of Butter Oil supplied by USA

3237. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States have shipped 2305 tonnes of butter oil under the sugar quota programme during 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this shipment is a part of PL-480 project;

(c) whether this butter oil is being used as edible oil;

(d) whether it is a fact that this butter oil is not being mixed with skimmed milk powder to form milk; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) It was envisaged that the butter oil would be used for retail sale to consumer and sale as a component in the recombination of fluid milk.

Biological control through Sugarcane Pests

3238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a biological control has been found more effective and more economical in case of two sugarcane pests as reported in the "Times of India" of the 1st February, 1988 and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that these pests will eliminate/reduce the use of dangerous chemical compounds used at present; and

(c) whether the Integrated Pest Management is gaining acceptance in this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HAR KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Biological control has been found to be very effective in the case of top borer and internode borer of sugarcane in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. In the case of top borer, a parasite *Isotima javansis* was introduced from North India in late fifties which got established in the field and suppressed the pest to the level of a minor pest in both the States. Similarly, in the case of internode borer *Trichogramma chilonis* in combination with cultural practices reduced the pest incidence substantially.

(b) Biological control of these pests will certainly reduce the use of chemical compounds markedly when adopted extensively

and also this will promote stability in the ecosystem.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is gaining acceptance in the country. Wherever possible, the farmers are now adopting IPM technology; not raising their crops.

Advertisements during: 'Chitrahar'

3239. SHRI S. AHLUWALIA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable portion out of the time slot allotted to the popular Television Programme 'Chitrahar' is taken away by advertisements in the midst of the programme and before the programme;

(b) whether Government are aware that such advertisements disturb the interest of the viewers;

(c) whether Government propose to do away with the advertisements in the midst of the said programme or increase the time of the programme; and

(d) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT):

(a) No, Sir. The number of film songs has not been reduced to accommodate commercials.

(b) Some viewers' letters have been received in this regard.

(c) and (d) The matter is receiving attention.

Criticism of the NCR Plan by the Lt. Governor, Delhi

3240. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

whether it is a fact that the Chief Executive Councillor and the Lt. Governor, Delhi have criticised the policy of

National Capital Region of Delhi which has been proposed to be introduced in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have considered the objections raised by them for introduction of the National Capital Region Plan in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a)

No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

हिन्दी पत्रिकाओं का प्रकाशन

3241. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या समाचारपत्रों के पंजीयक के कार्यालय में हिन्दी पत्रिकाओं—“भारतीय” और “विज्ञान प्रगति” के प्रकाशन के बारे में घोषणा अभिलिखित है ;

(ख) इन पत्रिकाओं के वर्तमान संकों में उनकी घोषणा के प्रतिकूल सामग्री प्रकाशित किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन पत्रिकाओं में प्रकाशन में इस प्रकार की अवहेलना को ठीक करने के लिए मंत्रालय और पंजीयक द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच. के. एल. भगत) : (क) और (ख) हिन्दी पत्रिकाओं अर्थात् “भारतीय और विज्ञान प्रगति” के बारे में आवश्यक जानकारी मंत्रालय के समाचारपत्रों के पंजीयक के कार्यालय में उपलब्ध है। जहाँ एक “विज्ञान प्रगति” का संबंध है, अद्यतन संक में मद्रिड प्रिंट लाइन के बारे में कोई विमर्श नहीं है। जहाँ तक “भारतीय” का संबंध है, यह उल्लेखनीय