

foreign visits including fare and allowances (in Rupees) in each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The information is furnished in the attached Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIII Annexure No. 73]

Survey conducted on Industrial Production in Northern Region

1572. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey conducted by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has revealed recently

that due to non-availability of the critical inputs during the first quarter (January—March) of 1987 in the Northern Region, in industrial production has been greatly affected; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, a survey was conducted by the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The critical inputs referred to in the survey are coal, cement, kerosene oil, furnace oil, L.D.O, power etc. The table below shows that the availability of such critical inputs during the January—March, 1987 has improved as compared to January—March, 1986 for the Northern Region:

		January-March	
		1986-87	1985-86
Coal	Lakh tonnes	324.1*	299.45*
Kerosene]	Tonnes	413398	388805
Furnace Oil		N.A.	40410
L.D.O.	"	76800	67900
Power	Mill. kwh.	12395	11269
Cement	'000]	@9632.1	@8574.4

*For full year including January-March.
@Relate to all India.

Geophysical Computer System

1573. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union have supplied first of the three Geophysical computer systems of the model EC-1961 computers;

(b) what are the terms on which these computers have been obtained;

(c) how far these would be useful for the location of Oil and Natural Gas; and

(d) how much foreign exchange is likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of hardware of Soviet origin is covered under deferred payment, payable in non-convertible Indian rupees over a period of 10 years in half yearly