

(c) if so, to what extent it had registered growth in July, 1980 and onwards; and

(d) what position is likely to obtain in November and December, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The index in July, 1980 was 1.9 per cent higher than in July, 1979 and the Quick Index for August, 1980 was higher than in August, 1979 by 0.4 per cent. The Quick Index for August, 1980 is also higher than the index for April, 1980 by 6.6 per cent.

(d) The steps taken to ease infrastructural bottlenecks and to provide a positive policy thrust for stepping up industrial production would take some time to get effectuated and, the position may be expected to improve in the coming months.

Industrial licences

1484. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made a package offer of price incentives and revamping of controls and industrial licensing policy to stimulate investment, maximise production and regain the growth momentum that had been lost;

(b) whether the industry has accepted the offer; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sino-Pakistan presence in Gilgit

1485. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the press Patriot dated the 16th November, 1980 suggesting Sino-Pakistan presence in Gilgit area across Kashmir following a recent meeting between defence experts of the two countries;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assurance about the built-up of armed personnel in that area at present; and

(c) what steps are being taken for security of our adjoining territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) Government have seen the Press report. Government have, however, no confirmed information to suggest any unusual build-up of military forces of Pakistan or the presence of Chinese in the general area of Gilgit.

(c) Government take into consideration all such factors including any unusual military build-up while periodically updating our defence plans.

उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए पश्चिमी बंगाल के वित्त मंत्री द्वारा दिया गया वक्तव्य

1486. श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 13-11-80 को पश्चिमी बंगाल के वित्त मंत्री द्वारा केन्द्रीय सरकार के विरुद्ध लगाये गये इस आरोप की ओर दिलाया गया है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार पश्चिमी बंगाल में उद्योगों के स्थापित करने में बाधाएँ डाल रही है और कुछ उद्योगों को अन्य राज्यों में ले जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उन्होंने अपने आरोप के समर्थन में जो दिनांक 14-11-80 को हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स में प्रकाशित हुआ है, पांच उदाहरण दिये हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस आरोप का खण्डन किया है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[Statement by Finance Minister of West Bengal for setting up industries

1486. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the allegation made against the Central Government on 13-11-80 by the Finance Minister of West Bengal that the Central Government is creating obstacles in the setting up of industries in West Bengal and removing some industries to other States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has given five examples in support of his allegation which have been published in the 'Hindustan Times' of 14-11-80; and

(c) whether Government has contradicted this allegation and if not, the reasons therefor?]

उद्योग मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) तथा (ग) दिनांक 14-11-80 को हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स में प्रकाशित वक्तव्य के अभिकथनों की जांच की गई है और उन्हें सही नहीं पाया गया है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The allegations made in the statement reported in the

†[] English translation.

Hindustan Times of 14-11-80 have been looked into and found to be incorrect.]

Industries in Kerala

1487. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major industries suggested by the State Government of Kerala for location in Kerala during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) whether major industry will be located in Kerala during Sixth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the name of the prospective industries likely to be located in Kerala ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) is under formulation and as such the details of the industrial development programme in the country including those in the State of Kerala, during this Five Year Plan period have not as yet been finalised. However, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation have various proposals for setting up of projects for Nylon Filament Yarn, Caustic Soda, Vinyl Acetate Monomer, Bone processing, Newsprint Paper, titanium Metal, Precision Measuring Instruments, Ceramic Fibre, Kraft Paper, Asbestos Cement Sheet etc. in Joint Venture Sector during the Sixth Five Year Plan period.

Revision in Pension

1488. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the pension rules of army men (soldiers) were framed;

(b) whether lately there is any demand from Ex-army men for revision of their pension in view of the rise in prices and high cost of living; and