

Setting up mini cement plants

902. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received during the year 1979-80 for setting up mini cement plants in the country; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b) 33 applications for grant of letters of intent and 87 applications for registration with Directorate General of Technical Development have been received for setting up of mini cement plants during the year 1979-80, the details of which are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXVI, Annexure No. 72].

Performance of Key Industries

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

(a) whether the performance of public sector units in Key industries like steel, heavy engineering has not been up to the mark in the first quarter April—June 1980;

(b) whether the position after July 1980 was same up to November 1980; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The performance of Public Sector units in steel and heavy engineering sector has been as follows:

April—June 1980

	Heavy Engg. Rs. crores	Saleable steel in thousand T.
Target	272.39	1253
Production	223.97	953
% achieved	82%	76.1%

(b) The position during the period July-Oct. 1980 (data for Nov. 80 are yet not available) has been as follows:—

	Heavy Engg. Rs. crores	Saleable steel in thousand.
Target	454.80	1937
Production	371.58	1434
% achieved	82%	74%

(c) It would be noted from the above that the performance of public sector units in key industries like steel and heavy engineering has not been up to the mark in the first quarter of April—June '80 as well as in the period July—October '80. Lower production are mainly due to the inadequate infrastructure support and inadequate availability of inputs required by the plants. In some cases industrial relations also contributed to lower production. All these aspects are receiving Govt's serious attention.

Development in Industry

904. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late foreign engineers and foreign collaborators are being preferred in the matter of development of industry and manufacture of vital inputs, even where indigenous expertise and technology are available in abundance;

(b) if so, the cases where such preference has been given to foreigners; and

(c) the reasons for giving such preference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir. Government's policy in the field of import of technology is selective, and based on national priorities. Import of technology is permitted in

sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import-substitution manufacturing or for enabling the indigenous industry to update the existing technology in India to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or become competitive in the export market.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Exchange Programme of N. C. C.

905. SHRI BHABANI CHARAN PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Cadet Corps has entered into an exchange programme with a private organisation Canada World Youth Organisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Exchange Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

The Canada World Youth (CWY) is a voluntary non-governmental Association. The Youth Exchange Programme, sponsored by them, is intended to foster cross cultural communication and a growing awareness of social and economic issues in the participating countries. The Youth Exchange Programme agreed to between the Directorate General N.C.C. and the C.W.Y. envisages 6 months' training cum-community living experience for groups of Indian and Canadian Youth in the age group of 18—22 years for a period of 3 months each in Canada and India. The area of study comprises agriculture, cooperation, environment, small business, social service and community groups. The programme also envisages individual placements and billeting of participants with local families. This is the second year of participation of N.C.C. in this programme.

2. Last year the Youth Hostel Association of India (YHAI) had sponsored a Youth Exchange programme with Canada World Youth (CWY). We had deputed 10 N.C.C. Cadets to Canada under this programme. This

year the YHAI had expressed their inability to sponsor the programme and the responsibility to conduct the Youth Exchange Programme was, therefore, entrusted to the Directorate General National Cadet Corps. Accordingly, the Indian contingent consisting of one Coordinator, three Group Leaders and 21 participants, selected to participate in this year's Exchange Programme, left India for Canada on the 25th October, 1980, for the first phase of programme, lasting for three months. The Coordinator is an N.C.C. whole-time officer. Of the group leaders, two are N.C.C. officers (one male and one Lady officer) and one is a YHAI candidate. Of the participants, 17 are N.C.C. Cadets (12 boys and 5 girls) and 4 are YHAI participants (two boys and two girls).

3. The second phase of this year's programme in India will also be of 3 months' duration and will commence during the third week of January 1981, upon the return of the Indian contingent from Canada, along with a Canadian contingent.

4. The C. W. Y. will meet the cost of international travel of all the participants, Indian and Canadian. In addition, they will pay out-of-pocket daily allowance of about 10 dollars a week for each participant, while in Canada. Board and lodging and local transportation in Canada will also be provided by C.W.Y. The total expenditure for the entire programme for participants of India and Canada, in India, is estimated to be Rs. 90,000/-. This is on account of project expenditure including messing, pocket money, local travel orientation and evaluation and other miscellaneous items. Out of the total estimated expenditure of Rs. 90,000, the Ministry of Defence will be paying Rs. 50,000-. The rest of the expenditure will be met out of NCC Regimental funds. Expenses of YHAI nominees will be met fully by that Association.

Grounded Migs

906. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.