

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to the provisional figures available, during 1979, the total quantity of rice exported was 4,47,335 MT.

(b) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix, CXIII, Annexure No. 49]

(c) The quantum of rice to be exported is decided on the basis of availability of rice in the country, and internal price trends.

**Public undertakings and corporations showing decline in Industrial production**

†\*200-B. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector undertakings and corporations which showed decline in industrial production during the last 3 years; and

(b) what was the production rate of such undertakings and corporations during the years 1975 and 1976 as compared to that during the years 1977, 1978 and 1979?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to the fall in production of those public sector undertakings in 1978-79 as compared to their performance in the previous years and also by the production rate for 4 years, referred to in part (b) of the question, he has in mind the percentages of capacity utilisation during those years.

The details of the Name of Undertaking/Unit, Major product, produc-

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tion in 1978-79 and 1977-78 are given at Annexure I. [See Appendix CXIII, Annexure No. 50] A comparative picture of capacity utilisation for the financial years 1975-76 to 1978-79 in respect of those undertakings/units is given at Annexure-I. [See Appendix CXIII, Annexure No. 51]

**Reduction in the strength of staff in the Ministries**

†789. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the 10 per cent cut Government have imposed in the staff strength of the Central Ministries/Government Departments;

(b) whether it is a fact that direct recruitment made to the administrative services through UPSC has never been affected by the economy measures taken by Government in the recent years; and

(c) whether the 10 per cent cut referred to in part (a) above would apply to the direct recruitment to be made to the administrative services through UPSC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) Instructions had been issued in May, 1977 that every Ministry/Department of the Government should consider reducing their staff by at least 10 per cent of their existing sanctioned strength. This was one of the various economy measures adopted by the Government during the past years for achieving reduction in non-development expenditure. No additional reduction has now been suggested.

(b) Yes, Sir. No ban has been placed on recruitment to all constituted cadres through UPSC but restrictions have been placed on local or ad hoc recruitment.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 625, transferred from the 20th March, 1980.