

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are at present large cases pending with Government in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that only 15 agreements during the past 18 months have been cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Out of 22 proposals received for foreign collaboration for different items of textile machinery during the last 18 months, 18 proposals have been cleared. The remaining 4 cases will be remitted to the relevant Approval Committees shortly.

Termination of Fifth Five Year Plan

806. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fifth Five Year Plan which terminated one year in advance of its full term has proved to be a dismal failure; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor and on which front the Fifth Five Year Plan has proved to be a failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR REHMAN): (a) The Draft Fifth Five Year Plan envisaged a growth rate of 5.5 per cent per annum in Gross Domestic Product for the period of the Plan. The final Fifth Pl&n document revised this tar-

get down to 4.37 per cent. During the four years 1974-75 to 1977-78 the growth rate achieved has been provisionally estimated at 4.5 per cent per year. This is lower than the target in the Draft Plan but higher than the target set in the final Plan. This growth performance was primarily determined by a very good performance of the agricultural sector in 1977-78, which has large weightage in the computation of the growth rate.

The enclosed table presents selected targets for 1978-79 set by the Draft Fifth Five Year and the final Fifth Five Year Plan along with the achievement for 1977-78 and likely achievement for 1978-79. There have been substantial shortfalls in all sectors as compared to the Draft Plan targets. As compared to the final Plan targets, there have also been shortfalls in many sectors, but in foodgrains and phosphatic fertilisers, the targets have been more than achieved.

While data are not available of trends of employment and income distribution for 1977-78 and 1978-79, it is fairly clear that the objectives indicated in the plan document of much higher levels of employment ! and reduction in the level of poverty were not achieved.

(b) The energy crisis and inflation^ both national and international, were major reasons for the shortfall in public investment in the early years of the Fifth Five Year Plan and the consequent failure to reach certain capacity and production targets within the plan period.

TABLE
FIFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

Selected targets of Physical Output Levels—1978-79

Item	Unit	Draft Plan	Final Plan	Achievement	
				1977-78	1978-79 (Anticipated)
Foodgrains	m.t.	140	125	125.6	127.0
Coal	m.t.	135	124.0	101.0	102.0
Iron Ore	m.t.	58.0	56.0	40.0	37.0
Petroleum Crude	m.t.	12.0	14.18	10.76	11.7
<i>Cotton Cloth :</i>					
(a) Mill sector	m. metre	5200	4800	4134	4240
(b) Decentralised sector	m. metre	4800	4700	3690	4100
Paper and Paper Board	th. t.	1200	1030	963	1000
Newsprint	th. t.	151	80	56	49
Petroleum products (including lubricants)	m.t.	34.6	27.0	23.3	24.15
Nitrogenous fertilisers (N)	th. t.	4000	2900	2015	2150
Phosphatic fertilisers (P ₂ O ₅)	th. t.	1250	770	670	775
Cement	m.t.	25.0	20.8	19.38	19.6
Mild Steel	m.t.	9.4	8.8	7.68	7.79
Aluminium	th. t.	370.0	310.0	178.5	213
Copper	th. t.	45.0	37.0	21.0	22.0
Zinc	th. t.	100.0	80.0	43.1	60.0
Electricity generation	G.W.H.	130	116.11	98.65	109
Originating traffic in railways	m.t.	300	260	237.3	235

Proposal to manufacture cars in the public sector

807. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue fresh licences to the private sector for the manufacture of cars; and

(b) if so, how many licences have been issued so far during the current year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). No application for issue of an industrial licence for the manufacture of passenger cars has been received in the current year.