

Import of different varieties of cotton

1252. SHRI KRISHNARAO NARAYAN DHULAP: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what varieties of cotton were imported during the last three years; and

(b) what are the prices paid for the different varieties of imported cotton and what prices were prevalent for the same varieties of cotton in the country during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posting of Extension Officers (Industries) in each block

1253. SHRI V. P. MUNUSAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers who were trained as Block Level Extension Officers (Industries) in the country from 1958 to 1976, and how many training centres were in the country in 1963 to train these officers; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to post an Extension Officer (Industries) in each block to promote the development of small scale and village industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) Total number of BLEO (Ind.) trained by SIDO from 1955-56 to 1967-63 is 4353 year-wise figures are not available. The programme was discontinued from 1967-68 in the training centres under SIDO.

There were 14 training centres during the above mentioned period under SIDO in the country, viz. Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

(b) Under the DIC set up some State Governments have provided for an extension officer at the Block Level.

Professionalisation of large industrial houses

1254. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convene a three-tier dialogue with the industry to chalk out future plans for professionalisation of large industrial houses and to find solution to problems of concentration of economic power; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in that direction and what is the outcome of the dialogue so far held?

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

(b) Steps are yet to be taken to convene such a dialogue.

Incentives for cement industry

1255. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give cash incentives to cement industry to increase production;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incentives; and

(c) to what extent cement production per year is likely to increase as a result thereof?

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

(b) Government announced on 17-6-1978 a cash incentive of Rs. 30/-per tonne for every tonne of additional production of cement over