

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The meeting of State Information Secretaries and Directors held on the 1st and 2nd August, 1974 had suggested that a study group might be formed to examine the working of the information agencies in States which had moved close to the objective of integrated publicity set up and some others where multiple information agencies continue, and on the basis of this study to report on the relative cost-effectiveness, and make appropriate recommendations.

(b) The Conference had recommended that district-level publicity coordination committees should be set up immediately in States where they have not been set up so far.

(c) Suggestions are being processed.

Working of Engineering Units

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that engineering units in the country are facing acute input shortages;

(b) if so, whether such shortages hit production and export possibilities; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRA-

MANIAM): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Some engineering units have been facing shortages of inputs like power and scarce raw materials including aluminium and steel. There have also been difficulties occasioned by delay in receipt of

coke and coal, and shortage of oxygen gas. Power shortage has also affected the output of components required by many engineering industries, particularly because of under-utilisation of foundry capacity. While these shortages inevitably affected production, yet, in general, there has been a welcome increase in the output of many engineering industries including equipment manufacturing units like the BHEL, BHPV, HEC, MAMC, the machine tool industry and many other industrial machinery manufacturing units. In respect of exports, the maximum possible assistance has been, and is being provided to the units to execute export orders, and in general, production has not suffered.

(c) The problem of inputs shortage is being tackled by the Government at various levels. Some of the steps taken in this direction are as follows¹—

(i) Government have made efforts to classify industries into priority groups according to their national importance for the purposes of allocation of raw materials as well as furnace oil etc.

(ii) Government have been endeavouring to improve the supplies of raw materials by import of scarce raw materials like steel.

(iii) To improve the loading and the equitable distribution of coal, the field organisation of the Railways at Calcutta has been strengthened and a Joint Cell with the representative of Coal Mines Authority Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., has been created under the Chairmanship of Director, Rail Movement. A high level Committee has also been constituted by the Ministry of Steel and Mines under the Chairmanship of Deputy Minister of Steel and Mines to look into the problems of distribution and transport of coal.

(iv) Available surplus power in certain States is being utilised to meet the shortage in the deficit States.

(v) Process industries using steam are being permitted to install captive power generating plants.

(vi) Stand by diesel generating sets have been permitted to be installed by some of the industries which have applied for the same before September, 30, 1973.

Setting up of tyre and tube units in joint sector

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance to any company to enter into agreement with State Industrial Development Corporations for setting up tyre and tube units in the joint sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Letters of intent for setting up Industrial undertakings for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes have so far been issued to six State Industrial Development Corporations-

2. They have negotiated/are negotiating with Companies/Private entrepreneurs for implementation of letters of intent for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes in the joint sector in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government Information regarding the names of the State Industrial Development Corporations, capacities approved, names of Companies/Private entrepreneurs selected for the State Industrial Development Corporations for association in the setting up of the projects are given below:—

Name of the State Indl. Dev. Corps.	Date of issue of the letter of intent	Capacity of automobile tyres and tubes (Nos. in lakhs)	Name of company/ private entrepreneurs to be associated in the setting up of the project
1. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation, Chandigarh.	12-12-70	4.00	M/s. Delhi Cloth Mills.
2. Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation, Hyderabad.	do.	do.	Shri A. V. Reddy, Rajahmundry.
3. Tamil Nadu Industrial Dev. Corporation Ltd., Madras.	12-12-70	4.00	Shri N. A. R., Nagarajan.
4. Orissa Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar.	do.	do.	Transport Corporation of India.
5. Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Ahmedabad.	do.	do.	M/s. William Son Meador & Corp, Ltd.
6. West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.	8-9-72	do.	Negotiating with different organisations.