

Statement

Names of places visited by the Prime Minister during her six official tours to Uttar Pradesh during the period from 8th November, 1973 to 15th February, 1974.

Date	Places visited
17-18/11-73	Luoknow, Kanpur, Unnao Kalpi Bridge site.
1-2/12/73	Gorakhpur, Allahabad, Kishanpur, Yumuna Pump Canal, Sarsawa, Hardwar, Khekhra.
8/1/74	Luoknow, Sandila, Sarda Sahayak Pariyojana Bar- rage (District Kheri), Bara Banki, Ghaziabad.
9-10/1/74	Bareilly, Rampur, Kaim- ganj, Kanpur, Fatehpur Banda, Yumuna Bridge site, Karvi, Banda, Jhan- si, Mathura, Harduaganj, Moradabad, Haripur Dam site, Bijnor Ganga Bridge site.
13/1/74	Narora.
15-16/1/74	Luoknow, Faizabad, Akbar pur, Mau, Sathion, Azam- garh, Dalla, Sone Pump Canal site, Obra, Phulpur, Rasra, Ram Nagar Brid- ge Site Nandesar Palace, Varanasi.

Supply of cement to West Bengal

1096. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of cement in West Bengal affecting various development projects in that State;

(b) if so, the present rate of supply as against the demand of cement to that State; and

(c) the steps taken to arrange for large allocation of cement to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

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The shortage of cement in the State of West Bengal is part of the overall shortage of cement in the country as a result of loss of production due to various factors. The annual demand of the State is to be of the order of about 12 lakh tonnes. Quantities of 10.08 lakh tonnes and 9.94 lakh tonnes were supplied to the State during the year 1972 and 1973 respectively.

To distribute equitably the available quantities of cement quotas were fixed for each State for the period from 1st July, 1973 to 30th June, 1974, on the basis of the average consumption of each State during the preceding five years. These quotas are exclusive of requirements of Central Government Departments for works within a particular State, which are met separately by the Central Government. In view of the overall shortage, large allocations of cement to any particular state would not be feasible. Requests for *ad-hoc* allotments could however be considered on merits of each case.

Disparity of income and earning in the Private sector

1097. SHRI KAYLAN ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious disparity of income and earning in between the top executives and lowest paid workers in the private sector; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to remove the disparity and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) The remunerations to the lowest paid workers and the top executives in the private sector vary from industry to industry. However, by and large there exists a considerable disparity between the two.

(b) It has been the endeavour of the Government to reduce these disparities particularly through various legislative