

(List II) of industries where no foreign collaboration is considered necessary. In addition, lists have been published (List IA) where foreign investment may be permitted and (List IB) where only technical collaboration may be permitted. These lists are only illustrative and will be updated with reference to developments in indigenous technology. The DGTD, the CSIR and the Department of Science and Technology are represented on the Foreign Investment Board which considers applications for Foreign Collaboration. Availability of indigenous know-how is, therefore, brought to the notice of the Foreign Investment Board and collaboration is not permitted even in those fields of industries mentioned in lists (IA) and (IB) if appropriate indigenous technology is readily available.

Set-back in engineering products due to power shortage

1123. SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-VIYA:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-TAM KHAPARDE:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

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

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the set-back in the net out-put of engineering products in the country due to power cut;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to meet the gap in the remaining period of the year?

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THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):

(a) and (b) Though most of the States have reported existence of power shortage from time to time, it has not been possible to arrive at a precise assessment of the shortfall in the output of engineering products attributable solely to power shortage. However, estimates of losses largely due to power shortage in respect of certain engineering industries available with the Government were furnished in reply to Unstarred Question No. 421 answered in the Lok Sabha on 25th July, 1973. The production losses for the subsequent period have not been worked out.

(c) As reported by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power, the following steps have been taken to reduce the power shortage:—

1. Construction of sanctioned inter-State and inter-regional transmission links is being accelerated to enable transfer of power from surplus areas to neighbouring deficit areas, so as to ensure optimum utilisation of the available generating capacity.

2. The projects which are at an advanced stage of construction are being expedited.

3. The progress of civil works is being accelerated wherever possible.

Targets in the core sector

1124. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets of various items in the core sector have been achieved during 1972-73.

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and