

(c) the number of vacancies in each class, grade-wise and category-wise reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that were not filled in the said year;

(d) whether the Liaison Officer has submitted any report of his annual inspection; and

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the affirmative, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the public sector undertakings concerned and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Increase in the price of calcium carbide

1121. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Birla Jute Manufacturing Co., have raised the price of calcium carbide by 100 per cent during the last 8 months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the other manufacturers of the same item which is so vital for the industrial growth of the country, have not yet raised their prices;

(c) what steps Government have taken to curb this profiteering which is detrimental to the actual consumers and growth of small industries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The price of Calcium Carbide has been increased by all

the producers mostly due to increase in price of raw materials. According to the information available with Government the percentage increase effected by M/s. Birla Jute Manufacturing Company during the period is the lowest and is of the order of 9 per cent.

(c) and (d) There is no control over the price and distribution of Calcium Carbide.

Policy on use of foreign technology

1122. SHRI HARSH DEO
MALA VIA : SHRI K. B.
CHETTRI: DR. R. K.
CHAKRABARTI: SHRI N. R.
CHOUDHURY:
MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM
KHAPARDE:
SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD
ALI:

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

(a) whether Government propose to bar use of foreign technology in fields where indigenous technology is available;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fields in which Government propose to utilise, the indigenous technology more exhaustively than at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Government's policy is not to allow foreign collaboration when indigenous know-how capable of commercial application is readily available or is likely to be made available within a short period of time. Government have published an illustrative list

(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 undated 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 output 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