

(c) what measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Significant shortfalls occurred in areas such as steel, non-ferrous metals, heavy engineering goods, fertilizers, power etc. in the core sector in 1972-73.

(b) The shortfalls occurred on account of a variety of factors, delays in project preparation, approval and implementation and low utilisation of capacity on account of a range of problems such as maintenance, industrial relations, power, transport, raw materials, etc.

(c) Many steps have been initiated to rectify the various factors hindering production in the core industries. A high level committee has been set up to examine the problems facing the public sector undertakings and make recommendations to improve their performance. The committee has already submitted reports in respect of many undertakings and performance in several sectors has begun to improve. These steps cover such areas as improving organisational structures, introducing better management control techniques, taking measures to put industrial relations on a better footing, improved top management selection procedures and a variety of other measures. A Monitoring and Evaluation Organisation has been set up in the Planning Commission to keep a watch on the implementation of important industrial core projects.

Raw material for the Small Scale Sector

1125. SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR:

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

(a) whether Government's decision to allot raw material to the small scale sector on the basis of the capacity of the units has been implemented; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Small scale units engaged in priority industries are allowed import of raw materials, components and spares on the basis of single shift capacity assessed jointly by the State Director of Industries and Director, Small Industries Service Institute subject to the approval of the special Committee appointed by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports. Efforts are also being organised to enable distribution of scarce indigenous raw materials to the small scale units on the basis of their assessed capacity.

Plan objectives for rural sectors

1126. DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI:

SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:

MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-
TAM KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Plan objectives are not effectively published in the rural sectors because of inefficient publicity machinery; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for mobilisation of the support of rural population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) The Publicity Media of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Publicity Departments of State Governments are providing publicity support to developmental programmes throughout the country, including the rural areas.

Appropriate provision is being made in the Fifth Plan for programmes relating to publicity which will be implemented by the Media Units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the State Governments. The programmes in the Fifth Plan are expected to augment considerably the facilities for publicity in rural areas and enlist the support of the rural population for formulation and implementation of the Plans. Further, decentralisation of the Planning process and other measures including preparation of district plans and plans for tribal areas and hill areas are expected to promote involvement of large numbers of people in rural areas.

Survey of student unrest in States

1127. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey had been recently conducted by his Ministry in the various States with regard to the growing student unrest and its causes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken by Government as a result of the survey conducted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b) No survey as such has recently been conducted by this Ministry with regard to student unrest or its causes.

Telephone system in Delhi

1128. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI J. S. TILAK:
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:
SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR:
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has recently been a sharp deterioration in the working of the telephone system in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. Constant efforts are being made to improve the telephone service in Delhi.

Industrial production

1129. SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT:
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:
SHRI K. C. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a survey in the 'Economic Times' of the 14th September, 1973, that average index of industrial production for the first four months of 1973 showed a considerable fall over the corresponding period in 1972;

(b) whether this trend of fall in production continues during the latter half of 1973; and

(c) if so, the reasons for fall in production and the extent to which this de-