

Cable Industry

1702. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cable industry is regarded as a priority industry; and

(b) if so, what priority treatment is meted out to this industry in respect of indigenous raw materials, namely EC grade aluminium and PVC Resin?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Industries classified as priority industries under Import Trade Control policy get priority in the matter of import of raw materials.

As there is an informal distribution control on E.C. grade aluminium, the available aluminium is allocated to the units on a pro-rata basis.

In regard to PVC resins, there is no such control on distribution and in view of the shortage of PVC resins, imports have been recommended for units which had applied.

Allocation of EC. Grade aluminium against export orders

1703. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government in respect of allotment of basic raw materials, viz., E.C. Grade Aluminium and Electrolytic Copper against export orders;

(b) whether it is a fact that the entire allocation of E.C. Grade Aluminium released to DGS&D is reserved for allocation to AAC and ACSR industrial units; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Under the Registered Exporters' Policy the requirements of electrolytic copper for meeting export commitments are allowed for import in full. The requirements of E.C. grade aluminium are however released out of indigenous production only.

(b) and (c) The allocation by the Director General of Supplies and Disposals of the aluminium allotted to him by the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals is done wherever the contracts with the suppliers of AAC/ACSR conductors provide for it.

Distribution of E.C. Grade aluminium to small sector

1704. SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25,000 tonnes of E.C. grade aluminium allotted for distribution to the small scale industry is meant of AAC (All Aluminium Conductor) and ACSR (Aluminium Conductor Steel Reinforced) industries only; and

(b) if so, what is the policy of distribution of E.C. grade Aluminium to the various units in the small sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The State Government were advised by the DC, SSI that the cable and wire manufacturers etc. may also be considered for allotment of E.C. Grade Aluminium.

(b) The distribution of E.C. Grade Aluminium is done by the State Director of Industries as the allocation is made to them in bulk by the Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries.