

proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) The posts included in the various grades of the Indian Statistical Service as well as equivalent ex-cadre posts carrying statistical functions created by Departments/Organisations participating in the Indian Statistical Service require different kinds of specialised experience. The process of selecting suitable officers with matching experience takes some time, especially as several departments may be considering the suitability of the same set of officers for posts under them. It is however considered that there has been no case of undue avoidable delay in filling such posts in the recent past.

SHORTAGE OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL

1392. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of industrial raw material in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) While there is no general shortage of industrial raw materials in the country as such, certain raw materials like steel, including stainless steel, caustic soda, soda ash, calcium carbide, rayon grade pulp and chemical pulp etc. are in short supply;

(b) The shortage is primarily due to :

(i) inadequate production of these materials;

(ii) Rapid increase in demand by the user industries; and

(iii) Limited amount of foreign exchange available for imports.

PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF HINDUSTAN PHOTO FILMS AT OOTY

1393. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state : „„ „„ „„

(a) whether it is a fact that fifty per cent of the installed capacity of the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. at Ooty remains unutilised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) According to the detailed project report of this project, the factory should reach its full rated capacity during the fifth year after the commencement of production, i.e. in 1972-73. During the year 1971-72, they have achieved a capacity utilisation of 54%. The technology acquired was not adequately modern and efficient and the company had to face and solve a number of technical problems, which was time-consuming. Steps for improving managerial efficiency of the company have also been initiated. As a result, utilisation of capacity has been steadily improving. It is expected that during 1972-73, utilisation will be substantially higher.

SUGGESTIONS FOR KEEPING DEFICIT FINANCING WITHIN LIMIT

1394. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested to Government to keep the deficit financing within limit in order to keep the prices under control; and

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made by the Planning Commission and the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the Mid-term Appraisal for the Fourth Five Year Plan, it was suggested that deficit financing by Government be kept within strict limits and bank credit to private sector also restricted. It was in the light of these suggestions that deficit financing during the current year was placed at Rs. 250 crores only in contrast to Rs. 700 crores in the preceding year. To attain this objective, several measures have since been taken such as substantial tax effort, economy drive, vigorous efforts