

STATEMENT

(a) The Action Committee on Public Enterprises under the chairmanship of Shri M. S. Pathak has submitted its preliminary recommendations on the plants, which it has so far studied.

(b) The Committee has recommended improvements, which deal with the following aspects of the Public Enterprises :

(i) Organisational structure and manning at the corporate as well as plant level.

(ii) Improvements in technology and operating methods.

(iii) Where necessary additional facilities to remove bottlenecks in production.

(iv) Steps required to achieve improvements in industrial relations, personnel management, training and development. Where necessary, target dates for the implementation of Committee's recommendations have also been suggested.

(e) In the process of finalising the Committee's recommendations, close coordination and consultation with the top management of the enterprises and the concerned Ministry is being fully ensured and hence the implementation of some of these recommendations is taken in hand, almost as soon as these have been accepted in discussions, before even the formal presentation of the reports to Government. Of the reports on 7 plants submitted to Government, six have been fully accepted, while the remaining one is under consideration.

FINAL REPORT [or- THE THIRD PAY COMMISSION

* 111. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when the Third Pay Commission is likely to submit its final report;

(b) whether it is a fact that the consumer price index has registered a rise of 10 points; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to give further interim relief to the employees in the near future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHI LA ROHAGI) :

(a) The position has been indicated to the House in reply to Starred Question No. 55 on 1.8.72. The Commission is making every effort to submit its report as quickly as practicable.

(b) According to the latest available information, while the monthly index for May, 1972 has reached 238, the 12-Monthly average of the Consumer Price Index for the period ending May, 1972 stands at 235.66-

(c) In terms of the recommendations of the Pay Commission, the question of any further review can arise only when the 12-Monthly average of all India Working Class Consumer Price Index reaches 238. The level has not yet reached.

SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL FROM USA

-116. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been some shortfall in supplies of essential industrial raw materials from U. S. A.; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the requirements of such materials by import from other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Consequent on the suspension of U. S. aid, supplies of raw materials from the U.S.A. have to be paid for by us in free foreign exchange. Free foreign exchange is being released for inescapable imports which cannot be found from rupee areas or from other countries from where credit is available. Steps have also been taken to augment indigenous production and intensify import substitution. As a result of these efforts, while imports of raw materials from the U. S. may have declined, Government have ensured that supply of essential raw materials to crucial sectors of economy is not affected adversely on account of the suspension of U.S. aid.

•" Transferred from the 3rd August, 1972.