

PROPOSAL FOR "GUARANTEE FOR WORK" PROGRAMME

972. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :
SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Planning Commission has submitted any proposal for "guarantee for work" programme at the national level to replace the present crash programme ; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of such proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

EXPENDITURE ON LAUNCHING OF SATELLITE

973. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 99 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1972 and state :

The amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on the launching of the satellite ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Rs. 3 crores.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SUNDARBAN AREAS

974. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Hindustan Standard, dated the 9th June, 1972 to the effect that the West Bengal Government has submitted a development Plan for Sundarban areas ; and if so, the details thereof, and the amount involved in this plan ; and

(b) when the above project will be put into operation, and the expected time of its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Yes, Sir The Government of India is aware of the news item published in the Hindustan Standard of the 9th June 1972.

However, no development plan for Sundarban Areas as reported in the news item, has so far been submitted by the Government of West Bengal to the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

भूतपूर्व आजाद हिन्द फौज के व्यक्तियों
को स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के सेनानियों
के रूप में मान्यता

975. श्री रत्न लाल जैन :

श्री मानसिंह वर्मा :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री डी० के० पटेल :

श्री लाल आडवाणी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जिन लोगो ने आजाद हिन्द फौज में सेवा की थी, वे भी स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के सेनानियों को मिलने वाली पेंशन योजना के लिए पात्र हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

†[RECOGNITION OF EX-I.N.A. PERSONNEL AS
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

975. SHRI RATTAN LAL JAIN :
SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA .
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR :
SHRI D. K. PATEL :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the persons who served in Azad Hind Fauj are also eligible to the pension scheme for freedom fighters ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?]

गृह मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री एफ० एच० मोहसिन) : (क) तथा (ख) वे सभी व्यक्ति, जिन्होंने आजाद हिन्द फौज में सेवा की थी और जिन्होंने भारत की जेलों में छः महीने की जेल काटी थी, उस योजना में पेंशन पाने के पात्र

†[] English translation.

हैं जो 15 अगस्त, 1972 से शुरू हुई। भूतपूर्व आजाद हिन्द फौज के उन कर्मचारियों के परिवार भी पेंशन पाने के पात्र हैं जो अंग्रेजों से लड़ते हुए मारे गये।

† [THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b) All persons who served in the Azad Hind Fauj and had undergone six months' imprisonment in Mainland jails are eligible for grant of pension in the scheme which commenced from 15th August, 1972. Families of ex-INA personnel who died fighting the British will also be eligible for the grant of pension.]

CEMENT SHORTAGE IN WEST BENGAL

976. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to acute shortage of cement many developmental projects in the state of West Bengal have been stopped ; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to increase the supply of cement to the State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) The Eastern region of the country is traditionally deficit in the production of cement and its demand over supply within the zone has to be met by movement of cement from Western and Southern zones. Normally during the period May to September every year, local shortages arise due to diversion of rail wagons for movement of foodgrains. During 1971, production of cement in the Eastern region was also affected due to closure of Japla Cement Factory in Bihar. To overcome the inadequate supply of wagons and to improve the supply position, permission has been granted in appropriate cases to factories situated in distant areas to arrange supplies even, if necessary, over dearer routes at higher freights. More liberal movement by road is also permitted. Creation of dumps at Sambalpur, Rourkela and Tatanagar and transport of cement by rail-cum-road or road has been permitted. It has also been decided to re-imburse the producers up to 125% of the corresponding rail freight for transport of cement to

destinations beyond 100 kms. The Railways have also been requested to improve the availability of wagons to the various factories for transport of cement. Supply of cement through coastal shipping at higher cost has also been permitted. As a result of these measures, the supply position of cement to West Bengal has considerably improved. As against 78,591 metric tonnes of cement despatched to West Bengal in January 1972, 87, 129 metric tonnes of cement was despatched in July, 1972. To augment the supplies further, the allotment of cement to West Bengal has been increased from 2.5 lakh tonnes in second quarter to 3.6 lakh tonnes for the current quarter of 1972. As a result of the efforts of the Central Government and the Government of Bihar, Japla Cement factory which remained closed during 1971 has re-started production with effect from 5th July, 1972 and it is likely to improve further the supply position to West Bengal. With the receipt of additional supplies of cement, now programmed, the deficiency partly felt for cement supplies by various projects under execution, will be overcome.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN TRIPURA

977. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken by Government for setting up new industries in Tripura ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : The Industrial Development Bank of India, in association with other financial institutions such as IFC, ICICI, etc., have carried out an industrial survey of the State which has confirmed the potential for various industries such as jute, fruit canning, fertiliser, glass, plastic, etc. Follow-up action is being taken by the Committee of Direction of IDBI in consultation with the State Government and others. Apart from this a team from the DC (SSI) recently visited Assam and Tripura to explore the possibilities of setting up various industries in these States and has submitted a report suggesting the setting up of a few demand based and resources based industries there. Follow-up action on this report is being taken in consultation with Planning Commission and other organisations.