

for investment in private and public sectors for securing a higher rate of industrial growth during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and

(c) what is the target for Industrial growth placed for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ wtenfir*; fwH ti^rm * rt^t m\ (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) :

(a) to (c) The Government of India are anxious to speed up the industrial growth of the country with a view to creating more employment opportunities and increasing the supply of industrial goods needed in the country. This attempt to speed up the rate of investment is within the framework of the Fourth Five Year Plan. While the annual Plan for the current year is still being formulated, it is expected that during the current year the investment in industrial projects in the public sector would be substantially higher than in the previous year.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

40. SHRI S.A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER/ Rmf tjfe fsraa iffi be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is shortage of materials for carrying out of the rural electrification projects in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER/ ftrarf sk fe?r<T tm^m q TTHT TO* (SHRI BAUNATH KUREEL): (a) and (b) The countrywide shortage of raw materials like E.C. Grade aluminium and steel has affected the progress of rural electrification. Measures have been taken to meet the requirements by allocating priority quotas from indigenous production and by arranging for imports, wherever necessary. To meet the shortfall in the indigenous supply of mild steel rounds required for rural electrification schemes, the Government of Tamil-Nadu had requested for release of foreign exchange for the import of 10,000 tonnes. Foreign exchange as

requested by the Government of Tamil Nadu has been released by the Government of India. In addition, 2800 M. Tons of Boiler Quality Plates and 400 Metric Tons of mild steel are under import for Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board. Further imports during 1971-72 for this Board are being processed.

DISCONTENT AMONG THE EMPLOYEES OF HINDUSTAN CABLES LTD.

41. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ ^hftPre ^TH *hft be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of acute discontent among the employees of the Hindustan Cables Limited, Rupnarainpur, West Bengal, because of the dispute regarding the payment of profit sharing bonus, 1969-70;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to settle the dispute; and

(c) how long will Government take to settle the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ g^hufi) p^FTC trairTJTR <Lr^ic) (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) to (c) The company have already paid the employees one month pay plus D.A. towards the bonus. The other points under dispute are under consideration of the management of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

POWER ECONOMY COMMITTEE REPORT

42. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER/ fa^Tf *k far* *cff be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of transmission lines is the main cause of power shortage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government appointed a Power Economy Committee ;

(c) if so, whether the committee has submitted any report, so far;

(d) what are the main recommendations made by the Power Economy Committee in its report; and

(e) what further steps Government propose to take to ease the situation?