

toluene, pitch creosote mixture, mixed oil, creosote oil, crude anthracene, crude phenol, solvent naphtha etc. are produced.

MAHAPARINIRVANA STUPA

*346. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representation from either the Uttar Pradesh Government or the public in respect of the Mahaparinirvana Stupa at Kushinagar in Deoria District; and

(b) the present position in respect of maintenance and preservation of this Stupa?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) Representation has been received from the public.

(b) Debris is being removed and the foundation of the stupa is being investigated.

†CEMENT FOR PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS

*201. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directive has been issued by the Central Government to the State Governments to earmark the entire cement production for public sector purposes only, during the emergency period and if so, when it was issued;

(b) whether it is a fact that public sector undertakings are overstocked in cement and surplus stocks with them are deteriorating; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the setback to building construction in the private

sector owing to non-availability of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No directive to earmark the entire cement quota for public sector purposes has been issued.

(b) No such reports have been received.

(c) There is an overall shortage of cement in the country and all demands cannot be met in full. The State Governments have, therefore, been advised to distribute their quarterly quota in the light of the relative essentiality and priority of each demand including building construction in the private sector.

SELECTION GRADE FOR ASSISTANTS

*347. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal at present under Government's consideration for declaring a certain percentage of posts of Assistants as Selection Grade posts;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposal; and

(c) when a decision is expected to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS): (a) to (c) The question of introducing a Selection Grade for Assistants and the various details relating to it are again under consideration. It will take some time before any final decision is taken.

MACHINE TOOL FACTORY IN MADRAS STATE

*348. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

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