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Small Scale Industries

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*702. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
 Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether advisory committees have been constituted in States for co-ordinating the activities of various organisations engaged in the development of small scale industries; and

(b) if so, how many States so far?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The question of constituting advisory committees has been referred to the State Governments and replies from some of them are still awaited.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Could we know as to what has been the reaction of those State Governments from which such replies have been received?

Shri Kanungo: Quite favourable. The States have got to first agree and then nominate members.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the Government is aware of the anarchy in the field of small-scale industries due to various organisations doing the same thing and the work overlapping each other; if so, what action is taken by the Central Government on its own initiative?

Shri Kanungo: There is no anarchy, first of all. There is likely to be a marginal overlapping. That we want to eliminate by an organisation which we have between the different boards in the field and the co-ordination committee. It will be further cleared up by these organisations at the State level.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: May I know what is the particular advantage of having these advisory committees when at the Centre itself there is a big enough organisation to look after and encourage small-scale industries all over the country.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri K. C. Reddy): The implementation of the various programmes that are drawn up from time to time is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments. We can give broad directives and indicate the lines on which they have to function. Therefore, at the State level it is very necessary to have advisory committees of the kind indicated.

Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: May I know whether any reply has been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government; if so, the nature of the reply?

Shri Kanungo Not yet.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know if it is a fact that due to lack of technical know-how and adequate financial assistance there is a retard in the progress of small-scale industries and no priorities have been fixed; if so, what action this Government propose to take for rendering all the necessary assistance to the small-scale industries?

Shri Kanungo: We have got adequate advisory services as far as technical problems are concerned. There was difficulty about finance, but ample credit is now available. As for the rest of it, I suppose the main problem is supply of adequate raw materials which are in short supply.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: May I know what proposals the Government has to develop small-scale industries in economically backward areas so as to stop the concentration of industries around metropolitan areas. Small-scale industries grow round about cities and that does not help the backward regions at all.

Shri Kanungo: We have a programme of intensive development for 40 under-developed areas in the first year, which will be gradually accelerated.

Mr. Speaker: Next Question—Shri Yallamanda Reddy—Shri Dasaratha Deb—Shri Raghunath Singh.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Question No. 703.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, I suggest that Questions Nos. 712 and 715 may also be taken along with this.

Mr. Speaker: If they can be easily answered, they may be answered together.

Shri Hem Barua: They are all about Tripura.

Mr. Speaker: I know that.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): Sir, I do not mind answering all the three questions together.

Mr. Speaker: Is Shri Biren Dutta present in the House?

Shri Biren Dutta: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: All right, all the three may be answered together.

Attack by Pakistanis on an Indian Forest Patrol in Tripura

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*703. { **Shri Yallamanda Reddy:**
Shri Dasaratha Deb:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether about three hundred Pakistanis had entered Indian territory at Siddinagar in Belonia sub-division of the Tripura-East Pakistan border, in June, 1962, and attacked an Indian forest patrol party on duty; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Protests have been lodged by the Tripura Administration and by our Deputy High Commissioner at Dacca with the East Pakistan Government.

Indian Citizens Kidnapped by Pakistanis from Tripura

*712. **Shri Biren Dutta:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Indian citizens were carried away by Pakistani raiders from Tripura in August, 1962; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to get them returned to Tripura?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has since been reported by the Tripura Administration that the kidnapped persons were brutally murdered and their beheaded bodies were dropped in a jungle inside the Union territory.

Protests have been lodged by the Tripura Administration and by the Deputy High Commissioner at Dacca with the Government of East Pakistan, urging that the criminals be apprehended and punished severely and also demanding compensation to the families of the murdered persons.

Raids by Pakistanis on Tripura Border

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*715. { **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri Bishandchander Seth:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few weeks there have been raids by Pakistanis across the