

**Industrial Estates**

\*928. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Estates to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the Second Five Year Plan period, and

(b) whether the scheme for the same has been finalised?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh propose to establish five Industrial Estates one each at Visakhapatnam, Sanatnagar Vijayawada, Samalkot and Nandyal during the Second Plan period. Schemes for Industrial Estates at Visakhapatnam and Sanatnagar have been approved and funds to the extent of Rs 21,000 as grants and Rs 13.5 lakhs as loans have been sanctioned. Schemes for Industrial Estates at Vijayawada and Samalkot have just been received and are under consideration. The scheme in respect of Nandyal has not yet been received.

**National Productivity Council**

\*929 { Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri R. J. Rao:  
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Supakar:

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

(a) whether a National Productivity Council has been formed or is proposed to be formed, and

(b) if so, the nature of constitution organisation and function of such a body?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Government have under consideration a proposal for the establishment of a National Productivity Council in India. The recent meeting of the Central Advisory Council of Industries held on 13th July, 1957, at Delhi

also resolved that a National Productivity Council should be set up. Details regarding its constitution, functions and the programme of work are being worked out.

**National Output**

\*930. Shrimati Tarkebhari Shaha: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increase of national output as a whole slowed down in the latter part of the First Five Year Plan at a time when investment was increasing steadily, and

(b) if so, the reasons for this short-fall?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason for the slowing down of the rate of increase in national income in these two years was that agricultural production showed only a small increase in 1954-55 and recorded a decline in 1955-56. Also, some of the investments made in the latter part of the plan period are expected to yield results only later.

Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Pondicherry

\*931. Shri Tangaman: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether 250 weavers of Swadeshi Cotton Mills (formerly Savana Mills) Pondicherry were retrenched on the 10th June, 1957.

(b) if so, whether they were paid full retrenchment compensation according to provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, and

(c) the steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) As a result of substantial financial losses, 349 workers of the Swadeshi Mills were laid off about 10th June, 1957.