

### Small Scale Engineering Concerns

\*1019. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for the development of Small Scale Engineering concerns in Howrah (West Bengal) has been recently approved by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of assistance earmarked for the proposed scheme?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). No separate scheme of the West Bengal Government for the development of Small Scale Engineering concerns in Howrah (West Bengal) has been recently approved by the Government of India. It may, however, be mentioned that in 1954-55, a grant of Rs. 1.90 lakhs and a loan of Rs. 11.83 lakhs were sanctioned by the Central Government to the Government of West Bengal for the implementation of a scheme for development of Small Scale Engineering Industries at Howrah.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** May I know if any special arrangements have been made regarding the supply of raw materials and, if necessary, of finance to these small-scale organisations?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Both the arrangements are made. We have a special separate quota for the small industries' raw materials, and finance is provided by the West Bengal Government out of allocations from us.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** May I know if the railways placed certain orders with these small-scale organisations and if those orders were supplied to the complete satisfaction of the railways?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That has been the general policy of the Government of India, that a small section of the DG Supply's purchases should be routed through the small-scale industries, and a large benefit has been taken of this by this organisation in Howrah.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know the allocations of finance made in 1954-55 and whether there was any shortfall in it?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As far as these grants are concerned, they are all non-lapsable and we continue reviving them from year to year. As a matter of fact, even this year we have given a new grant and loan of Rs. 34 lakhs to the West Bengal Government for the entire small-scale industries in that State.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** I wanted to know how much of this has been used in the years 1954-55 and 1955-56.

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Actually, if the hon lady Member is interested in it, I shall let her know the figures, but the information with me now is that more than that amount almost Rs 50 lakhs has been spent on this scheme in that particular year.

**Shri Heda:** In view of the availability of high skill in the engineering industry at places like Bombay, Hyderabad etc, may I know whether similar schemes are being taken up in other places also?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes. Practically in every State we have a programme of industrial estates. More than 50 per cent of those estates are manned by engineering industries.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** May I know if there is any proposal to subsidise the supply of steel which is the raw material of small-scale industries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There is no special proposal, but we try to give the equalised price to them, and that benefit goes to the organised as well as the small-scale industries.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know on what schemes these loans and grants were sanctioned and whether there was anything for modernisation of the machinery and the tools and for standardisation of products?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** These loans or grants were really for purchase of new machinery. So, modernisation just does not come in. It was also for the production of such small-scale industry goods which are easily saleable to the railways or to different industries.

**Mr. Speaker:** Raja Mahendra Pratap

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मिनिस्टर साहब महरबानी कर के हिन्दु-  
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#### Acquisition of Land in Delhi

\*1021. **Raja Mahendra Pratap:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of four villages near Delhi viz Mohammadpur, Munirka, Hamayunpur and Hauz Khas is being acquired by Government, and

(b) if so, what Government propose to do to rehabilitate persons living there at present?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) Yes Sir

(b) The matter is under consideration

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** The question has been put in English and the hon Member is asking in Hindi.

**Mr. Speaker:** Whenever a question is put in Hindi, the answer is expected to be in Hindi. For the benefit of the hon Members who do not know Hindi, the English translation is also given. If an hon Member puts a question in English, he must be prepared to hear the answer also in English. If he does not know English at all and if he puts a supplementary question in Hindi, I will certainly request the hon Minister, if he can, to reply in Hindi. Let there be a kind of adjustment. This is not an examination hall where people who do not know Hindi come here to know

Hindi. Therefore, I shall try to see that every hon Member understands the question and follows it.

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** In this case I submit the notice has been given not in Hindi, but in English.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes. The reply may be given in English.

**Raja Mahendra Pratap:** I do not mind your answering in English.

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I shall read the answer again.

(a) Yes Sir

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**Raja Mahendra Pratap:** I want to know whether the hon Minister knows that the land which is being taken is taken from ex-army officers and men.

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I do not know. I am afraid I have no such detailed information as to from whom the land is being acquired, whether there are some ex-army officers or not. I have got to check up.

राजा महेन्द्र प्रताप यह भी तो बतलाइए कि आप इन लोगों को किस तरह से दमरी जगह बसाना चाहते हैं ?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon Member might have put the question in English, particularly when the hon Minister is not able to reply. The question is this.

**Raja Mahendra Pratap:** My question has not been answered.

**Mr. Speaker:** I cannot allow this kind of alternating between Hindi and English.

**Raja Mahendra Pratap:** When you are going to take land from these people, how are you going to accommodate them? Because I may tell you that there was a demonstration and people were very enraged about it. I think the hon Prime Minister may also be interested in it. Women in hundreds or thousands came to