

Some Hon. Members: English answer

Shri K. C. Reddy: The Board of Assessors have assessed the various designs and selected the best four in order of merit for the award of prizes. It is now intended to have a model made of the design selected as No 1 to enable a final decision to be taken.

श्री भूषा दर्शन चूक प्रब डिजाइन स्वीकार किया जा चुका है और यह प्रश्न पिछले लगभग सात सालों से एका पड़ा है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस में तेजी लाने के लिये कौन से खास कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं।

Shri K. C. Reddy: This is a very important matter. We have to take several aspects into account before we venture upon re-modelling or changing the design which is already there. We have taken several steps on various occasions to find out how best we can go about this matter. We set up a committee. We invited designs from various people. They wanted extension of time from time to time. Then, about one hundred designs were received in response to the notification that we issued. They had to be adjudged. There were several technical hurdles. At one stage of the matter objections were raised by the Architects' Association and so on and so forth. We want to do the best thing. In our anxiety to do the best thing and not to do something in a hurry, we have given thought to it. We have taken all possible precautions and now we have reached a final stage. The simplicity of the design will have to be ensured and so many other factors will have to be borne in mind and now, as I have said, we have selected the best design and we want to have a bigger model thereof. Then we will have to go into the financial aspect of the matter. We are examining the financial aspects also now and I hope it will be possible for them to arrive at a final decision in about a month's time.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

National Small Industries Corporation

*1245. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan granted to the Small Industrial Units through the National Small Industries Corporation during 1956-57, (State-wise),

(b) the number of applications received from the small industrial units in Orissa for the supply of machinery on hire-purchase basis; and

(c) the number of sewing machines supplied on hire-purchase system to women in the lower income group in community project areas in Orissa through the Corporation?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b) The National Small Industries Corporation finances small industrial units only by supplying to them machinery on easy hire-purchase basis. A statement showing state-wise break-up of the number of applications received and accepted by the Corporation from the commencement of the scheme in March 1956 upto 15th July 1957 is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix III annexure No 124.]

(c) Thirty-six upto 15th July, 1957

Khadi Production Centre at Srikakulam

*1253. { **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:**
Shri Rajagopala Rao:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the total production of the Khadi Production Centre situated in Srikakulam district and working under the Khadi and Village Industries Board during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 and the expenditure incurred by this Centre,

(b) whether there has been a request for the constitution of a local