

APPALAM INDUSTRY

*1764. **Shri Boovaraghasamy** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1425 on the 14th April, 1956 and state the conditions on which loans are issued to the "Appalam" manufacturers?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : The loan of Rs. 13,096 was sanctioned to the Government of Madras for the establishment of an Appalam Production Unit as a Departmental Scheme. The loan carries an interest of 4% per annum and is repayable in ten equated annual instalments.

COFFEE

*1771. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey to explore the possibility of increased production of coffee has been undertaken during 1955 ; and

(b) if so, the scope for further expansion of plantation of coffee?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) Yes, Sir ; in North Canara, Coorg and Mysore. Survey of other States is in progress.

(b) It is estimated that there is scope for expansion of the cultivated area by 75,000 acres.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES

1494. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the Sabha giving separate lists showing the names of the industries included in the category of Handicrafts, Small-Scale, Medium-Scale and Large-Scale Industries and state :

(a) the amount of grants and loan sanctioned to and utilised by the Bihar Government in 1955-56 on different industries of the above categories ;

(b) particulars of the areas with the names of the Industries, the agencies in charge of the execution of the scheme and the estimated cost of each scheme ; and

(c) the progress made so far in pilot schemes of Bihar?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : (a) A statement showing the grants and loans to the State for various industries is attached [See Appendix X, annexure No. 30.]

(b) The schemes are executed by the State Government through its own agencies and Government have no further information.

(c) No Pilot Schemes have so far been started.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PEPSU

1495. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans and subsidy given to the Government of PEPSU for Industrial development during 1955-56 ; and

(b) the total amount of loan and subsidy proposed to be given during 1956-57?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 31.]

TRAINING OF STEEL TECHNICIANS

1496. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 580 on the 8th March, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the Technical Committee appointed to survey and assess the existing training facilities for iron and steel workers in India has submitted its report ; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof?