

Electronic Hardware Technology Parks

*139. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to establish "electronic hardware technology parks" in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one such park is proposed to be established in Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) A proposal to set up Electronic Hardware Technology Parks in different parts of the country is under consideration of the Government.

Industrial Development of Rural Areas

*140. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the effective measures being taken by the Government for industrial development of the rural areas and the types of industries being given priority;

(b) the policy adopted by the Government for industrial development of the rural areas and the time by which the policy will be implemented and the details of the rural areas and the number of people likely to be benefited thereby; and

(c) whether the financial institutions are providing the required assistance to make the rural industrial development programme a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Promotion of industries in rural sector primarily falls within the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by way of measures like provision of cheap and easily available finance, transfer of technology, assisting in the provision of scarce and critical raw material and creation of institutional infrastructure at the all India level. In order to disperse industries in rural and semi-urban areas and to provide all the services and support to small entrepreneurs, under a single roof 422 District Industries Centres have been set up covering all facilities to set up industries in rural areas and ensure close linkages with agencies engaged in rural development. Industries based upon local skill, raw material and marketing are accorded priority in rural areas.

During the 8th Five Year Plan the Government proposes to give maximum emphasis on development of rural industries particularly cottage and tiny industries in rural and backward areas. KVIC has proposed to create employment for 2.25 million persons during the 8th Five Year Plan period.

Financial assistance to these industries is extended through the net work of all India financial institutions like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and also through commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks. During 1989-90, an amount of approximately Rs. 110 crores was made available as bank finance to KVI sector. Under IRDP programme about 200 crores was disbursed by financial institutions to industries in rural areas. Continuous efforts are being made to mobilise increased bank finance to rural industries sector through financial institutions.