

credit on a normative basis, and the quality of its delivery, for viable operations of this sector. A special monitoring agency would be set up to oversee that the genuine credit needs of the small scale sector are fully met.

(iii) To provide access to the capital market and to encourage modernisation and technological upgradation, it has been decided to allow equity participation by other industrial undertakings in the SSL, not exceeding 24 per cent of the total shareholding. This would also provide a powerful boost to ancillarisation & sub-contracting, leading to expansion of employment opportunities.

(iv) A beginning has been made towards solving the problem of delayed payments to small industries by setting up of factoring services through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Network of such services would be set up throughout the country and operated through commercial banks. A suitable legislation will be introduced to ensure prompt payment of Small Industries bills.

Growth Centres for Industries

3026. SHRI SYED SHAIABUDDIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the achievements under the scheme for setting up growth centres for industries in backward areas since its inception;

(b) the number of growth centres developed so far;

(c) the number of industrial units established so far, district-wise; and

(d) whether industrial units have been set up in the former district of Purnia, which has now been trifurcated; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (d) The Government in June, 1988 announced a scheme to set up growth centres throughout the country to promote industrialisation of backward areas. It is proposed to develop 70 growth centres under the Scheme, out of which locations of 63 growth centres have been identified and announced. The Scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan. In the case of Bihar, 6 growth centres have been allotted to the State, out of which locations of 5 growth centres have been identified. One of the selected growth centres is in District Purnea (Purnea Kasba). No project report for any of the selected growth centres has been sent by the Government of Bihar.

Cold Storages

3027. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of cold storages at present in the country, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : There are 2795 cold storages in the country at present. The State-wise break-up is as follows :

Name of the State/UT	No. of Cold Storages
Andhra Pradesh	55
Assam	3
Bihar	222
Gujarat	135
Himachal Pradesh	14
Haryana	148
Jammu & Kashmir	16
Kerala	107
Karnataka	76
Maharashtra	231
Madhya Pradesh	111
Orissa	47
Punjab	292
Rajasthan	44
Tamil Nadu	83
Tripura	3
Union Territories	136
Uttar Pradesh	786
West Bengal	285
Nagaland	1
TOTAL	2795

Plan outlay of Rajasthan for 1990-91

3028. SHRI SHIV CHARAN MA-
THUR: Will the minister of PLAN-
NING AND PROGRAMME IM-
PLEMENTATION be pleased to
state:

(a) the Plan outlay sanctioned to
the Government of Rajasthan for the
year 1990-91;

(b) the contribution of the State
Government towards the annual plan
1990-91;

(c) the amount spent by the State
Government on various schemes
under the said plan;

(d) whether the Government of
Rajasthan has deposited the un-

utilised amount of this plan outlay in
the commercial banks of Rajasthan;
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-
TATION (SHRI H. R. BHARD-
WAJ): (a) The approved allocation
for Rajasthan annual plan 1990-91
was Rs. 956 crores.

(b) The allocation comprised the
State's contribution at Rs. 623.68
crores.

(c) The State Government have
reported that Rs. 973.22 crores were
spent on 1990-91 annual plan.

(d) Since the expenditure is more
than the plan outlay, the question of
depositing the unspent amount in the
Commercial Bank does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Expansion of VSSC, Valiyamala Unit, Kerala

3029. SIIRI KODIKKUNIL SUR-
ESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government pro-
pose to develop or expand the Space
Centre Unit at Valiyamala in Nedu-
mangad of Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the work on the VSSC
Valiyamala Unit was started and
when it is likely to be completed and
start its functioning;

(d) whether the Government pro-
pose to set up more space projects in
Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?