

[English]

Equity Investment in S.S.I.

*303. PROF MALINIBHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether equity investment is allowed in Small Scale Industries by other industrial undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the independent status of small industries is not thus affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Government have decided to allow equity participation by other industrial undertakings in the Small Sector Industrial Undertakings. However, this participation will be subject to a ceiling of 24% of the total equity of the small scale industrial undertaking.

(c) Equity participation up to 24% by other industrial undertaking does not affect the basic character of a small scale undertaking that it shall not be a subsidiary of, or owned or controlled by any other industrial undertaking.

[Translation]

Development of Villages

3200. SHRIBHUVNESHWAR PRASAD METHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of villages are fleeing to the cities on a large scale for want of facilities; and

(b) if so, the details of the programmes

chalked out by the Government for rapid development of villages?

THE MINISTER FOR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Migration from villages to towns is a phenomenon observed in all developing countries.

(b) For development of villages, following rural development programmes are being implemented in the country.

- 1) Poverty Alleviation Programmes which include Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), and its subsidiary schemes of Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) & Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) and Rural Employment Programme viz., Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).
- 2) Area Development Programmes which include Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP).
- 3) Other Rural Development Programmes which include:
 - i) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Technology Mission.
 - ii) Agricultural Marketing and Rural Godown.
 - iii) Land Reforms.
 - iv) Revitalisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
 - v) Strengthening of Training Infrastructure.