

Small Scale Industries

2125. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 { Shri Jashvant Mehta:

Will the Minister of **Industry and Supply** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has helped Small Scale Industry in the country by supplying machines on hire-purchase;

(b) if so, the extent to which contracts have been secured by the Corporation on behalf of small scale units; and

(c) whether it has helped in setting up small scale industries in the rural areas and has established markets for products of small fabricators?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): Yes, Sir.

(b) 14,075 contracts valued at Rs. 79.91 crores were secured by the small scale units from the D.G.S. & D. through the assistance of the National Small Industries Corporation since its inception to the end of February, 1965. The small scale units also secured 27,852 contracts worth Rs. 6.07 crores from the Railways through the assistance of the Corporation during the above period.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Corporation had conducted intensive campaigns in selected areas in conjunction with the Office of the Development Commissioner for Small Scale Industries and the State Directors of Industries in order to encourage the setting up of small scale industries in rural areas. Such campaigns were conducted in Mysore, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa. Following these campaigns, a total of 807 applications for the supply of 3,372 machines valued at Rs. 135.20 lakhs on hire-purchase basis were received from small scale units in these States. A total of 849 machines costing Rs. 37.70 lakhs were ordered

and 500 machines valued at Rs. 27.62 lakhs were delivered on hire-purchase basis by the Corporation.

The Corporation has also helped small industries in establishing a market for their products, by assisting small manufacturing units in establishing distribution channels, in standardisation, quality control and improved methods of packing and despatch. The Corporation has done a good deal of publicity in making known the small scale industries products in wider markets. The Corporation had till recently also been assisting the small shoe fabricators in the export of footwear.

Multiple Taxes on Tea

2126. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Commerce** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government have asked the Central Government and the Planning Commission to re-examine the feasibility of replacing the multiple taxes on tea by a single excise duty; and

(b) if so, the Central Government's decision on this demand?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Electrification of Stations

2127. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the stations electrified on the South Eastern Railway during 1964-65;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereby; and

(c) the names of stations proposed to be electrified during 1965-66?