

The schemes detailed above are meant for all areas including backward areas. However, for handlooms situated in hill areas, the provisions for some of the schemes have been liberalised.

#### Excise Duty Evasion by Bombay Manufacturers

750. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether excise evasion to the tune of about Rs. 5 crores by manufacturers of brass and copper pipes was detected in Bombay on the 28th February, by a top official of the Directorate of Anti-Evasion (Excise) :

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken against the evaders;

(d) whether raids have also been carried on in other States to find out evasion of excise duty ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir, Searches were conducted in the premises of the manufacturers of shelts/blanks, pipes/tubes of copper and copper alloys on 28th February, 1985 by the Directorate of Anti-Evasion (Central Excise) at Bombay and other places. The amount of duty estimated to be evaded is Rs. 5 crores.

(c) Appropriate action under the provisions of Central Excise Law will be taken for adjudication and prosecution of the offenders.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir, During the first two months of 1985 about 1103 cases involving an estimated evasion of excise duty of Rs. 2734 lakhs have been detected. The main commodities involved are computers, office machines, cotton fabrics, copper and copper alloys, and P.S.C. Poles.

#### Setting up of Mineral-based Industries in Raigarh District (M.P.)

751. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mineral-based indus-

tries which have been set up in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up some mineral based industries in Raigarh District of the State ;

(c) if so, the number of such mineral-based industries proposed to be set up there; and

(d) the details of the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). The following principal mineral based industries are located in Madhya Pradesh :

- (1) One Steel Plant
- (2) One Aluminium Plant
- (3) Nine Cement Plants
- (4) Two Fertilizer Plants
- (5) Two Asbestos Cement Plants
- (6) Three Ceramic Units
- (7) Seven Refractory Units

In addition, there are three sulphuric acid plants and three caustic soda units.

It is understood that three mini-cement plants are also proposed to be located in Raigarh District.

The exact number of other smaller mineral based industries, if any, will be furnished as soon as the information awaited, is received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

#### Five Working Days in a Week in Public Sectors

752. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some public sector organisations are observing a five day week; and

(b) if so, the names of such public undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House,