

have taken steps to augment the production of quality components through delicensing of the industry and also through modernisation and introduction of latest technology in this sector. Government have also extended certain fiscal concessions to the auto ancillary industry to encourage production of quality components.

(c) No, Sir.

**Assistance to Cottage and Small Scale Industries**

3258. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have sponsored a scheme for assisting District Industries Centres in rendering promotional, technical and financial support and other services to the existing and new cottage and small scale industries units for generation/sustenance of employment ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the progress during the Sixth Five Year Plan period ;

(d) the target and actual achievement in West Bengal under this scheme during 1980-85 ; and

(e) the reasons for shortfall in West Bengal if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No new scheme has been sponsored by the Union Government for assisting District Industries Centres. However, District Industries Centres render promotional, technical, financial support and other services to the existing and new cottage and small scale industries/units for generation/sustenance of employment.

(b) to (d) Information about implementation of DIC programme in the country and in the State of West Bengal is available upto 1983-84 and is given below :

Item	All India	West Bengal
	1980-81 to 1983-84	1980-81 to 1983-84
1. No. of new units established	12,60,328	23,169
2. Employment generated (Nos.)	40,61,753	91,421
3. Project Report Perpared (Nos.)	4,97,538	33,140
4. Entrepreneurs identified (Nos.)	16,60,789	88,804
5. Technical assistance rendered (Nos.)	4,41,480	20,561
6. Credit assistance provided by financial Institutions, (Rs. in crores)	1881.89	90.81

(e) No targets for the programme are fixed. As such the question of shortfall does not arise.