

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) According to the Economic Survey, on the basis of information available, the GNP growth in 1985-86 is anticipated at 4.5 to 5.0 per cent.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.

[English]

Rehabilitation of sick industrial units in Gujarat and Maharashtra

5337. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new scheme for rehabilitation of sick industrial units has not been properly implemented in Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the difficulties coming in a way to rehabilitate sick industrial units; and

(c) if not, the number of sick industrial units covered under rehabilitation scheme from October, 1985 to December, 1985 in Gujarat and Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) No new scheme for rehabilitation of sick industrial units in Gujarat and Maharashtra has been introduced. As on December 31, 1985, 14 units in the State of Gujarat and 15 units in the State of Maharashtra have been provided rehabilitation assistance by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI).

[Translation]

Foreign exchange earned by brassware industry of Moradabad

5338. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the brassware industry of Moradabad which has been a good source of foreign exchange earnings, is facing crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons for high cost of our brassware goods in the international market; and

(c) whether it is a fact that high cost of raw material for brassware makes our goods uncompetitive in the international market; and

(d) the action proposed by Government to bring improvement in this regard with a view to containing unemployment in the brassware industry and thus uplifting the overall economy of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) The value of exports of art metalwares during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Rs. crores (Prov.)
1983-84	67.23
1984-85	83.11
(1984-85 (April-Nov.) 1985-86	53.56
(April-Nov.)	57.35

Date do not indicate any crisis. However, the art metalware industry is facing stiff competition in the international market particularly from South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong who are selling machine made art metalwares at a lower price.

(d) To encourage exports of art metalwares from the country, the following steps are being taken ;

- (1) Constitution of a separate Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts,
- (2) Setting up of a Metal Handicrafts Service Centre to improve the quality and finish of art metalwares.
- (3) Inviting foreign designers to provide design assistance to the industry.