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**Proposal to give more incentives
to Small Industries**

3258. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give more incentives to small and medium industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any scheme for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). A number of incentives in the shape of capital investment subsidy, transport subsidy, excise and tax concessions, financial assistance on easy terms etc. are provided to small and medium industries under various schemes operated by Central/State Governments, financial institutions and other promotional agencies. These schemes are kept under constant review keeping in view the felt-needs of these industries.

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**Reduction in marking
fee for Vanaspati**

3259. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the reasons for reducing the marking fee for vanaspati from Rs. 20/- to Rs. 12/- per tonne with effect from 1st October, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Taking into consideration the various representations from the two Associations of Vanaspati Manufacturers, the interest of the consumers and the practical experience gained during the intervening period, the Indian Standards Institution decided to reduce the marking fee to Rs. 12/- per tonne.

**Posting of Staff in Post Offices
in Himachal Pradesh**

3260. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the

Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of post offices were opened in Himachal Pradesh during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether in most of these post offices, requisite staff has not been posted; and

(c) if so, the time by which the staff is likely to be posted in all those post offices where no staff has been posted so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A total number of 182 new post offices were opened in Himachal Pradesh under the Sixth Plan.

(b) and (c). In extra-departmental post offices opened in rural areas the requirement of extra-departmental employees for different duties is worked out not only with reference to the work involved but also taking into account the estimated income of the office so that the prescribed minimum percentage of income to cost is maintained. In this process, it is possible that while in some post offices separate personnel may be engaged for the counter duties, mail conveyance and delivery, in some other post offices, duties may be combined and a lesser number of extra-departmental employees posted. This is the normal pattern of staffing in extra-departmental offices. In Himachal Pradesh also the number of extra-departmental employees may vary from post office to post office depending upon the circumstances of each case. There is therefore, no question of requisite staff not being posted or additional staff being engaged.

Raising Paper Making Capacity

3261. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the paper making capacity of the country;

(b) if so, the existing capacity for the manufacture of paper in various paper mills in the country;

(c) the anticipated demand of paper and paper board by the end of Seventh plan and also