

pitals in the State under the control of A.P. Vaidya Vidhav Parishad;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether this scheme is posed for external assistance; and

(d) if so, the latest position in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) and (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a proposal for seeking foreign assistance for a project which seeks to develop the district level and subdistrict level hospitals, 10 cyclone based medical hospitals, 1 cyclone disaster relief training centre and a T.B. Hospital in Andhra Pradesh. The project cost is Rs. 236.70 crores and it is phased over two plan period VIIIth and IXth five year plan.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been recommended to the Ministry of Finance for foreign assistance, who have sought some clarifications from the State Government and the Planning Commission.

Jobless Labour due to Sick Industrial Units

1665. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons rendered jobless due to closure of sick industrial units; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to help the displaced labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Information on closure of sick units is not maintained separate-

ly. Based on the latest available information, a Statement giving the number of workers affected by closures during 1990 by the causes of closure is attached.

(b) Industrial closure is governed by the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Central and the State Governments have taken a series of steps to provide reliefs and concessional financial assistance through appropriate rehabilitation packages drawn up by the banks and financial institutions for revival of sick units. The Central Government is also operating a Textile Rehabilitation Fund which offers financial assistance on a tapering basis for a period of 3 years to the workers of closed Textile Mills.

STATEMENT

Number of workers affected by closures over the causes indicated therein during 1990 (Provisional)

<i>Cause groups</i>	<i>Workers affected</i>
1. Financial Stringency	1,186
2. Shortage of Power	0
3. Lack of Demand for Products.	806
4. Shortage of Raw Material	267
5. Break down of Machinery	0
6. Others	1,454
7. Cause Not known	191
TOTAL	3,904

SOURCE—Labour Bureau, Shimla.

Clearance to Goleti No. 2 Open Cast Block Project in Andhra Pradesh

1666. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to accord clearance for using 49.75 Hectares of