

**Setting up of Public Sector
Undertakings**

1133. DR. VASANT PAWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some public sector units during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up these units in any rural areas to provide employment to unemployed rural youth;

(c) whether any survey in this regard has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES): (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). Setting up of new Public Sector Undertakings availability of resources and the need for balanced regional development of the country. Need for creation of fresh employment opportunities in rural areas is also kept into consideration. The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be placed in the Parliament.

Production of Engineering Goods

1134. SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in the production of engineering goods in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the position of India regarding export of the engineering goods to the world market; and

(d) the steps taken to boost the production of engineering goods in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). The engineering industry has recorded a decline of 6.3% during the period April to January (1991-92) over April to January (1990-91). The fall in production is due to various factors like poor performance of infrastructure industries, shortage of raw material, stringent import restriction imposed due to balance of payment position, credit squeeze, demand recession in the market, etc.

(c) Indian engineering exports account for a very small part (nearly 0.10%) of the global engineering exports.

(d) Steps taken to boost the production of the engineering goods are - substantial deregulation of the industrial sector and promotion of foreign investment in high priority areas as per the new Industrial Policy; measures taken in the Union Budget for 1992-93 such as reduction of duties on Capital Goods, convertibility of Rupee, reduction in Statutory Liquidity Ratio, reduction in interest rates and elimination of Import Licence except for small negative list of item in the New Export-Import Policy (1992-93).

[Translation]

Small Scale units in Uttar Pradesh

1135. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN
SHARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: