

mendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) National Development Council's (NDC) sub-Committee on Micro-level Planning & Involvement of People at the Grass-root Level submitted its Report in April, 1993. The recommendations of this Report were endorsed by the National Development Council in its 46th Meeting held on 18th September, 1993. The recommendations include identifying an appropriate unit for micro level planning which could be a block or taluka or even a cluster of villages; transfer of schemes/programmes/subjects to district/sub-district level bodies along with appropriate quantum of funds; involvement of youth and existing voluntary organisations, etc. The NDC has directed that the Planning Commission should initiate further action for discussions with the concerned Ministries and the State Governments.

[*Translation*]

Small Scale Industries in Uttar Pradesh

2028. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh till date;

(b) the number of persons working therein;

(c) the arrangements made for marketing of their products;

(d) whether some units among them

are becoming sick; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Government of Uttar Pradesh, there were 3,31,552 small scale units in Uttar Pradesh till October, 1993 and 19,12,796 persons were employed by these units.

(c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has appointed Commissioner and Director of Industries as Central Purchase Agency on behalf of the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The purchases are made by way of making quantity and the rate contracts with the industries depending on quality, type and requirements of different Uttar Pradesh Government Departments. In order to give additional support to SSI sector, 10% price preference and purchase preference have been made available to them. Besides this, UPSIC is also helping SSI units of the States. Recently, a Marketing Assistance Cell has started functioning in the Directorate of Industries through which it is being tried to develop linkage between Central public sector, State public sector and Corporations working in the State and the SSI sector of Uttar Pradesh. Seller/purchaser meets are being organised to develop such linkages.

(d) Yes, some units are becoming sick for want of timely disbursement of working capital by banks and irregular power supply etc.

(e) Measures for the rehabilitation of viable sick units are being taken on regular basis through State Level Inter-Institutional Committee and State Level Rehabilitation Committee. Under State Margin Money Loan Scheme, 50% margin required under rehabilitation package prepared by financial institution is provided to the maximum limit of Rs. 5 lakhs. The Uttar Pradesh Financial Corporation provides assistance for rehabilitation of sick units in the form of additional loan, rescheulement of old dues, one-time settlement, etc. Through Udyog Bandhu - a forum for redressal of grievances of industrial units, the cases of sick units under rehabilitation are actively pursued with concerned agencies.

[English]

Production of Salt in Gujarat

2029. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether salt industry in Gujarat is facing difficulties as a large quantity of salt is lying unsold;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the estimated demand and production of salt during the last three years in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

PRODUCTION IN GUJARAT

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production in '000 Tonnes</i>
1990	8656.6
1991	8388.8
1992	9123.9
1993 (upto Sept.)	8783.1

DEMAND IN GUJARAT

<i>Year</i>	<i>In '000 Tonnes</i>
1990 Edible	617.1