

[Translation]

SSIs in Gujarat

546 DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the functioning of small scale industries in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of small scale industries lying closed or become sick during the last three years; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries), had conducted an All-India Census of Small Scale Industries falling under the purview of SIDO and registered with the State of Gujarat up to 31.3.1988. The census was conducted with reference year 1987-88.

(b) The main findings of the Census for the State of Gujarat were as follows :

STATEMENT

Total No. of SSI Units registered with State Directorate of Industries, up 31.3.1988:		58328
No. of Working Units:		35000
Production at Current Prices: (Rs. in lakhs)		
1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
274284	305023	358624
Per Unit investment in plant and machinery (Original value): (Rs. lakhs)		1.74
Per Units investment in fixed assets (book value) (Rs. lakhs)		2.58
Employment NO. (Total):		276955
Employment per Unit-(No)		8
Per unit Value added at current prices: (Rs. lakhs)		1.538

(c) Any recent study to find out the number of small scale industries lying closed or become sick during the last three years has not been conducted. However, as per the findings of Second All- India Census of registered SSI Units conducted during 1989-91 with reference year 1987—88, it was revealed that 21623 units were found closed/ untraceable at the time of the survey. These units were closed down over a span of 15 years i.e. after the first census of SSI Units conducted with reference year 1972. As reported by Reserve Bank of India, there were 6581 sick small scale units in Gujarat as on 31.3.1992.

(d) Measures for the rehabilitation of viable sick units are being taken on regular bases through State Level Inter-Institutional Committee and State Level Rehabilitation Committee. Banks are also helping to rehabilitate viable sick units on regular basis. Financial assistance in the form of long term equity type assistance up to Rs. 1,50,000/- to units with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs at a nominal service charge of one per cent per annum is also available to potentially viable sick SSI units from the National Equity Fund. In order to tackle the problem of sickness among the SSI units expeditiously, RBI had advised banks that they should set up cells at important regional centres to deal with sick industrial units and provide experts including technical personnel.

[English]

Orders to Public Sector Undertakings

547. PROF. UMMAREDDY
VENKATESWARLU:
SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have evolved a policy to help sick public Sector Undertakings by arranging rates of their products procure orders for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of Public Sector undertakings which are likely to be benefited; and

(d) names of the core sector units who have participated in this scheme to revive such Public Sector Undertakings ?

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) to (d). Do not arise.

Representations from Public

548. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI
PAWAR :
PROF. SAVITHRI
LAKSHMANAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of representations of public grievances received by the Ministry of Personnel during the past one year;

(b) the number of representations that have been settled so far;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the representations when referred to the respective Departments are put in cold storage by the concerned officials due to lack of follow - up action; and