

Small and Medium industries

575. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to modernise the small and medium industries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action so far in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Small industries Development Organisation (SIDO), through the net work of Small industries service Institutes are pursuing Modernisation Programme in the following manner;

- Study of specific industries in large concentrations of clusters to diagnose cluster problems.
- Unit Specific studies (Inplant Studies) for working out modernisation package.
- Contact Programmes such as workshops for awareness for Modernisation Programme.

SIDO is also contemplating to pursue the modernisation programme jointly with SBI and SIDBI for the small scale sector.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

576. SHRILALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of chronically sick Public sector undertakings in Bihar which are likely to be closed down as suggested by the Planning Commission;

(b) the capital invested in each such undertaking by the Union Government and financial institutions to far;

(c) the category-wise number of workers engaged in such undertakings; and

(d) the alternative scheme of the Government for the workers who are likely to be rendered unemployed due to closure of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Planning Commission have not suggested any such proposal.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Linking of Andhra Pradesh with National Informatics Centre's Network

577. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh is likely to be linked with National Informatics Centre's network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date from which it is likely to come into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c). Government of Andhra Pradesh Departments and all the 23 District Administrations in Andhra Pradesh have already been linked to the National Informatics Centre's computer-communication network (NICNET) since July, 1988.

Foreign Loan for Slum Area

578. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether HUDCO has received a

soft loan of DM 120 M from KFW, Germany to promote upgradation of slum areas, rural and urban housing and for improving sanitation facilities;

(b) if so, whether HUDCO has asked the State Governments to submit various proposals in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of proposals received by the Union Government from State Governments in this regard;

(d) the quantum of loan provided by HUDCO to each State Government ; and

(e) the criteria adopted from providing loan to State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) So far, the following lines of credit grants to HUDCO has been sanctioned/ committed by KFW, Germany :-