

Closure of Industrial units in Gujarat

1200. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Small, Medium and Large Scale Industrial Units lying closed at present in Gujarat State;

(b) whether there is any proposal to restart these units in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). The Reserve Bank of India maintain data on sickness. However, they do not collect specific data on closed industrial units. As per the information received by the Reserve Bank of India from banks, there were, as at the end of December, 1983, 53 Non-SSI sick and weak units in the State of Gujarat which were closed/under liquidation/winding up orders issued/under lock out/strikes etc. Out of these 53 Non-SSI units, after examination 7 have been found to be viable, 41 are non-viable and viability in respect of 5 units has not yet been decided. Three viable units already been placed under nursing programme.

As regards small scale units, there were, at the end of December, 1988, a total of 5,601 sick units, out of which 315 are considered viable, 5,146 non-viable and viability of 140 units has not yet been decided. 188 viable SSI units have been put under nursing programme.

[*Translation*]

Remote Sensing Survey of Drought-Prone Areas in Bihar

1201. DR. SHAILENDRA NATH SHRI-VASTAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive survey to combat the drought situation at district level has been initiated by the Department of Space.

(b) if so, the names of the districts in the drought-prone Bihar State which have been identified and included in this project; and

(c) the details of the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Palamu and Munger are the districts in Bihar identified for comprehensive survey to combat drought.

(c) The joint Project being carried out by Department of Space (DOS) and Bihar State Remote Sensing Application Centre, Government of Bihar, envisages collection of socio-economic data, and DOS providing the satellite data for preparation of thematic maps in respect of soil, land-use, ground water, etc. These thematic maps are for use by the State Government for drawing up of specific schemes for combating drought. DOS has provided Rs. 28.00 lakhs towards this Project out of the total estimated cost of survey of Rs. 44.00 lakhs.

[*English*]

Plans for Welfare of Tribals

1202. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Welfare scheme being implemented for the tribals; and

(b) the names of the States which are receiving financial assistance from Union Government for this purpose?