Setting up of Industries in Punjab

4350. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the raw material actually available for industrial production in Punjab from Agriculture, Horticulture and other fields;

(b) the classification thereof and the nature of industries which can be set up in each category;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey for identifying such industrial units;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

 (e) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such a survey;

(f) if so, when and

(g) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). The chief commercial agricultural/horticultural raw materials available in Punjab are: Wheat, Rice, Sugarcane, Barley, Maize, Oilseeds, Cotton, Pulses and Fruits and Vegetables of different varieties.

Agro-based industries which could be set up on the availability of above said raw materials are: Roller Flour Mills, Barely, Malt, Bakery Products, Energy Food, Sugar Mills, Edible Oil Mills, Confectionary, Yeast, Leather Goods, Hosiery, Textiles, Processing of Foods and Vegetables and Allied Products etc.

(c) to (g). The District Industries Centres in the State conduct surveys from time to time and prepare Action Plans, identifying the scope of the agro-based industries on locally available raw-materials.

[Translation]

Industries in Punjab

4351. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and large scale industries in Punjab, separately;

(b) the number of sick industrial units in these two categories, separately; and

(c) the names of the industrial fields in which public sector industries are functioning in Punjab and the total number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As per information furnished by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the number of factories in Punjab given in the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) Summary Results for Factory Sector for the year 1985-86 (the latest year for which summary results are available with C.S.O.) was 5710. Separate figures for large and small scale industries are not available with the CSO.

(b) Data on sick industrial units are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. According to the Reserve Bank of India, there were 2434 sick small scale industrial (SSI) units and 21 non-SSI sick units in Punjab as at the end of December, 1987.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, there is one Central public sector enterprise, viz., Semi Conductor Complex Limited, with registered office in the State of Punjab in the electronic sector.