

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Department of Science and Technology operates a national scheme on science communication and popularisation. In addition, other departments and ministers also undertake such activities.

(b) Doordarshan telecasts a weekly programme titled "Turning Point" and this will continue till December 31, 1993. "Quest" - a science quiz programme is telecast on national network once a month. Documentaries/programmes on achievements of different scientific institutions/laboratories are also telecast from time to time. Another programme "Kyon Aur Kaise" is awaiting slotting.

[Translation]

#### Mini Growth Centres

2157. SHRI NAWALKISHORE RAI:  
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a scheme to set up 150 mini growth centres in the backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, whether only 50 such centres are proposed to be set up at presently

(c) if so, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the backward areas are not being given priority for setting up these centres; and

(e) the total number of such centres set

up upto December 1992, the places selected for the purpose and number of backward districts out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM)) (a) to (e) In pursuance of policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises announced on 6th August, 1991 a scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (including Technological) back-up services) for small scale industries in rural/ backward areas is under finalisation.

#### Sick/Closed Units in States

2158. SHRI BHOGEN DRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the industrial units in Public and Private Sector which are running in lossers, State-wise;

(b) the number of industrial units out of them which have been closed;

(c) the number of those units which are indebted with the loans over one lakh to the Government institutions; and

(d) the measures being taken to re-vamp and restart the sick and closed industries in each of these sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) The Reserve Bank of India compiles data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country. The State-wise details of industrial units which were sick as at the end of March,