

the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some public sector undertakings in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the places where these undertakings are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up any new central Public Sector Undertakings in the State of West Bengal during the current financial year. However, the major Central Government public sector projects which are under implementation in the State of West Bengal are Given in pages 44 to 50 of Volume I of Public Enterprises Survey 1990-91 which was placed before the Parliament on 5.3. 1992. Setting up of new public sector undertakings is decided Keeping in consideration techno-economic feasibility of the projects and availability of the resources together with the balanced regional development of the country.

[*English*]

Credit Facilities for Sericulture Industry

291. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the news item appearing in 'The Economic Times' dated January, 18, 1993 captioned "sericulture scheme lacking credit flow".

(b) if so, whether a number of World

Bank aided Sericulture schemes could not be implemented effectively due to lack of credit flow; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the schemes and to ease credit flow for the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). The National Sericulture Project (NSP) outlay of Rs. 555 crores includes a credit component of Rs. 165 crores for on & off farm activities. The shortfall in credit flow under NSP is attributed largely to factors like defaults, ineligibility of bank branches to finance etc. However, the slow pace of credit flow has not resulted in a delay in establishing infrastructure, extension of mulberry acreage etc. envisaged under the project.

In order to speed up the credit flow under NSP, the Central silk Board has organised a large number of workshops and orientation programmes.

Industrial Sickness in Goa

292. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of small scale units located in and outside Goa are sick affecting the pace of industrialisation there;

(b) if so, the magnitude of industrial sickness in Goa;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether BIFR like body is being set up for Goa;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the schemes chalked out and assistance given/likely to be given in this regard?

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.

(b) As per the latest RBI data, the number of sick small scale industrial units in Goa as at the end of March, 1991 were 1148, which is approximately 22% of the units registered with State/UT Directorate of Industries.

(c) The major reasons for industrial sickness in Goa are as under;

- (i) Managerial problems/Financial mismanagement.
- (ii) Lack of marketing facilities.
- (iii) problems relating to working capital.
- (iv) Non-availability of raw materials.
- (v) High rate of taxes, labour

problems, faulty appraisal of projects, technological obsolescence, frequent power cuts/tripping etc.

(d) There is no proposal at present to set up a BIFr type body for Goa.

(e) and (f). Does not arise.

"Demand of Fertilisers

293. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of decontrol of Phosphatic fertilisers during 1992-93; and

(b) the consumption of phosphatic and other complex fertilisers during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

"THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILISERS (EDUARDO FALEIRO)": (a) There has been drop in the sales of phosphatic fertilisers during the current Rabi 1992-93 season.

(b) In terms of nutrients, the consumption of fertilisers during the Year 1991-92 and the likely consumption during the Year 1992-93 are as under:-

(Figures in lakh mts)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Nitrogen</i>	<i>Phosphate</i>	<i>Potash</i>	<i>Total (N+P+K)</i>
1991-92	80.46	33.61	13.61	127.28
1992-93	84.00	31.91	10.66	126.57

(Estimated)