Tool Room and Training Centre in Karnataka

3772. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Tool Room and Training Centre project has been started in Karnataka with DANIDA assistance :

(b) if so, the details of the works done under that project in Karnataka so far;

(c) the amount of DANIDA assistance made available for that project so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT OF М. DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, This Centre provides integrated Sir. tooling facilities which include sophisticated tool room works like process planning, tool designing, tool manufacturing and tool trial and development. It provides various facilities to small scale industries in meeting their tooling requirements and extends consultancy services for all matters relating to tooling. It is equipped with facilities for special purposes such as spark erosion, wire erosion (EDM), jig grinding, copy milling, profile grinding, etc. Prototype and product development facilities have also been established.

Following training programmes are also conducted :

- 1. 4 years diploma course in tools and dies making.
- 2. One year machinist course
- 3. 2 years post diploma tool design course
- 4. 2 years post graduate tool design course
- 5. One year's operators training course

On an average 250 trainees are undergoing training in this project.

(c) and (d). Total amount of DANIDA assistance is rupees one crore eight lakhs ninety one thousand seven hundred five and paise eighteen only as per details below :

- 1. Machinery and Rs. 67,30,674.39 Equipment
- 2. Hostel Rs. 22,65,373.12
- 3. Spares, Con- Rs. 18,95,657.67 sumables, etc.

Rs. 108,91,705.18

[Translation]

L.P.G. Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

3773. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas agencies open at tehsil level in Madhya Pradesh and the places where such agencies have been opened; and

(b) the time by which gas agencies are proposed to be opened at the remaining places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINI-STER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) The oil marketing companies presentlyhave 97 Distributorships at 77 locations, including Tehsil Headquarters, in Madhya Pradesh. The names of the 78 locations are given in the statement below.

(b) Distributorships in new towns offering sufficient potential for economically viable marketing of LPG will be opened by the oil industry in a phased manner, subject to increased availability