

[*Translation*]

**Facilities/schemes for employment opportunities in rural areas**

255. SHRIMATI SUNDERWATI NAWAL PRABHAKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of facilities/schemes in force at present to provide employment/semi-employment to the people in rural areas, particularly to women ;

(b) whether the scheme of providing 'Amber Charkha' to rural and urban women is also included in these schemes ;

(c) whether Government feel that these charkhas will help them to earn their livelihood ;

(d) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The programme relating to distribution of charkhas is proposed to be expanded during the Seventh Plan period.

(e) Does not arise.

**Statement**

The Khadi & Village Industries Programme, mainly implemented by KVIC in rural areas, provide substantial employment opportunities to women. KVIC provides assistance for training, supply of equipment, construction of work-sheds and godowns, working capital for purchase of raw-materials, production and marketing. It also provides assistance for share capital

to cooperatives and gives capital formation loans to institutions registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. A number of village industries included in the schedule to KVIC Act like collection of Forest Plants and Fruits, Manufacture of Gum Resins, Manufacture of Katha, Cottage Match Industry, Bamboo and Canework etc., and Khadi provide employment opportunities to women. In Khadi, the spinning activity is undertaken almost entirely by women folk.

2. Under the integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) assistance is provided to families below to poverty line to increase their income. As a special scheme of IRDP, a programme of development of women and children in rural areas was started in 1982 in 50 selected districts of 22 States on a pilot project basis. The objective of this programme is to focus attention on women members of the family below the poverty line so as to improve their socio-economic status through creation of various opportunities for income generation activities on self-sustaining basis. This scheme provides supporting service to women in the form of child care facilities, etc.

3. The TRYSEM scheme launched in 1979 intends to train the rural youth (18-35 years of age) from the target group of families in the rural areas, in technical skills to enable them to take up self-employment in vocations in the broad fields of agriculture and allied activities, industry, services and business activities etc. One rural youth per eligible family is selected under this scheme.

4. Another programme to provide employment/semi-employment is the National Rural Employment Programme implemented through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) set up in all the Districts of the country.

[*English*]

**Increase in assets of companies due to raising of assets limit of MRTP Units**

256. SHRI H.M. PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the raising of the assets