

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal was made in April, 1974. The demand for seamen and other criteria did not justify the setting up of such a centre.

Concessional Paper for Text Books and General Books

2999. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Publishers has approached Government to ensure that paper manufacturers implement the order relating to making concessional paper available for production of text books and general books; and

(b) if so, what is the specific nature of the grievance of the Publishers and what steps have Government taken to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). The Federation of Indian Publishers had submitted a representation to Government urging that the Paper industry should be asked to comply with Government's policy regarding production and supply of concessional white printing paper. The Federation have complained that the Paper industry have tried to persuade Government to agree to the reduction of the obligation to produce white printing paper, and though Government had not accepted this suggestion, the paper manufacturers are now creating difficulties in actual supply of the concessional white printing paper. The supplies are stated to be irregular and uncertain. The Federation has, therefore, requested Government to ensure that the paper manufacturers abide by Government's decisions regarding supply of concessional paper.

Government have no intention of reducing the quantum of production of white printing paper as stipulated in the Paper (Control of Production) Order, 1974. The performance of the mills is being monitored and any cases of delay in supply or shortfall in production are taken up with the individual mills.

उत्तर बिहार के विकास के लिये उद्योग स्थापित करने हेतु स्थानों का चयन

3000. श्री मृत्युंजय प्रसाद : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर बिहार का समुचित विकास करने के लिए सरकार का विचार किन स्थानों पर उद्योग स्थापित करने का है तथा वहां किन उद्योगों की स्थापना करने का विचार है तथा क्या इस सम्बन्ध में बिहार सरकार के साथ बातचीत की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार को प्राप्त होने वाली सहायता का स्वरूप क्या होगा ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डिस) :

(क) उत्तर बिहार के सभी जिलों में एक वर्ष के अन्दर ग्रामीण उद्योग परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है । उत्तर बिहार के वे जिले जो अभी तक ग्रामीण उद्योग परियोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत नहीं आते लेकिन जिन्हें यथाशीघ्र इनमें लाने का प्रस्ताव है, वे हैं छपरा, गोपालगंज, सहरसा, सिवान, बेगाली, मीतामढ़ी, बेगूसराय । राज्य सरकारों द्वारा इन सात जिलों का तकनीकी आर्थिक सर्वेक्षण कर लिए जाने के बाद ही उन उद्योगों तथा स्थानों का पता लगाया जाएगा जहां ये स्थापित किए जाने हैं ।