

The financial institutions provide assistance to entrepreneurs in Rajasthan on the same basis as in other States. The investment of financial institutions is dependant on the extent of entrepreneurial activity generated.

16 districts of Rajasthan have already been declared as industrially backward to qualify for concessional finance and other facilities. The State is already identified as an industrially backward State, and accordingly six districts have been selected to qualify for the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme.

**विभिन्न एजेंसियों के कर्मचारियों के वेतन का संरक्षण**

3447. श्री रामदेव सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या समाचार एजेंसियों के कर्मचारियों के वेतन आदि के संरक्षण के बारे में सरकार द्वारा संसद में दिए गए आश्वासनों की क्रियान्वितिके लिए सरकार और प्रेसट्रस्ट, मनास्ट्रिड न्यूज ट्रिब्यूनल समाचार, समाचार भारती के प्रबन्धकों के बीच लिखित प्रथम नौषिक समझौता हुआ है और यदि हा तो क्या इसकी क्रियान्वितिके बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ख) क्या सभी चार एजेंसियों को 'समाचार' द्वारा दी जाने वाली सुविधाओं को वापिस लिए जाने में बारे में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है, और यदि हा, तो सरकार द्वारा इन बारे में क्या कार्यवाही करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री ज्ञान कृष्ण शर्माजी) : (क) और (ख) जैसा कि 14 नवम्बर, 1977 को संसद में दिए गए बक्तव्य के पैरा 6 में लिखित है सरकार भूतपूर्व 'समाचार' के, कर्मचारियों की परिलब्धियों का संरक्षण करने में सहायता करने और समाचार में उनके द्वारा ली जाने वाली परिलब्धियों तथा यदि वे अपनी मूल एजेंसियों में काम करते रहते तो उनको जो परिस्थितियाँ मिलती, उनके बीच के अन्तर को पूरित करने के लिए चार समाचार एजेंसियों को क्रमिक न्नीसाधारण पर छः वर्षों की अवधि के लिए सहायक अनुदान देने की लिए बचनबद्ध है। इस बचनबद्धता की पूर्ति की दिशा में पहले छः महीने के लिए 17.65 लाख रुपए का अनुदान समाचार एजेंसियों को पहले ही दिया जा चुका है। तथापि, सरकार और समाचार एजेंसियों के बीच कोई लिखित या नौषिक समझौता नहीं हुआ है।

**Opening of Small Service Institute at Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari**

3448. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would examine the opening of Small Service Institute at Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari for the development of Small Scale and Rural Industries as these districts have immense agricultural and fishery resources; and

(b) whether Government would consider the establishment of a branch of SSI to facilitate intensive promotional work in the village and taluk levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b) Under the present Industrial Policy, high priority is being given to the effective development of cottage and small industries which are dispersed in rural areas and small towns of the country. The focal point of development of small scale and cottage industries is shifting from cities and State capitals to the districts. To implement this Policy, district industries centre are being set up in every district according to a phased programme. This will facilitate intensive promotional work in the villages and at taluk levels. The Government of Tamil Nadu is setting up 8 D.I.Cs. with Central assistance and these will include Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari. The SISIs will provide full technical support to the DICs in the effective implementation of this programme.

**Breaches at National Highway No. 7**

3449. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on National Highway No. 7 between Hyderabad, and Nagpur at a distance of about 250 K.M. from Hyderabad, the road breaches at Kupthi Ghat

during rainy season every year resulting into closing the traffic for some days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same highway which passes through Adilabad District is narrow at most of the places, being B.C. area during rainy season the vehicles cannot cross there as they get stuck up and the traffic becomes jammed; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken and in how much period the said road will be made traffic worthy without traffic jam during rainy season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Presumably, the Member is referring to the Kadam bridge and its approaches at Km 251.40 of the Highway from Hyderabad. The road breached during July 1978 mainly due to the narrow waterway of an old bridge having low level approaches. The traffic was restored within 24 hours. The road had also breached during 1973 and 1976.

(b) The National Highway No. 7 passing through Adilabad District is single lane at some places. B.C. soil on the shoulders of the pavement does cause some inconveniences to the traffic using this National Highway during rainy season but no major hold-ups have been reported.

(c) A new high level bridge over River Kadam along with high level approaches is included in the programme of works to be sanctioned during the current Plan. Works costing Rs. 15,63,700/- for widening part of the single-lane to double-lane has already been sanctioned. The work of widening the balance single-lane sections in this stretch is also being considered for execution in the current Plan 1978-83.

#### Diversion of Ships to Kandla Port

3450. SHRI ANANT DAVE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great congestion at Bombay Port and ships are not cleared for three months in some cases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that other ports available for speedy disposal of ships like Kandla port are not allowed to avail the facility by Government; and

(c) whether Government have looked into this aspect and propose to divert the ships to Kandla port for early clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) There has been congestion at Bombay Port for the past few months. The position regarding the date of earliest ship waiting in the past few months is given below:—

Position as on	Date from which earliest ship waiting
1-5-1978	9-4-1978
1-6-1978	27-4-1978
1-7-1978	16-5-1978
1-8-1978	15-7-1978

(b) No Sir.

(c) The ships are already being diverted to other major ports including Kandla port to relieve congestion at Bombay.

#### Ex-Serviceman's Air Link Transport Company

3451. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Union Government-financed