

Employment to Rural Youth

481. SHRI UGRA SEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tendency among the rural youth to migrate to towns is increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the problem; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to develop gainful employment and find out avenues of income for making rural India prosperous?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). Data on rural-urban migration were collected in the 28th round of the National Sample Survey (1973-74) and some results based on that survey have been published in Sarvekshana July 1977. They do not however indicate the rate of migration of youth in particular.

(c) The Draft Plan (1978-83) lays emphasis on the creation of opportunities for productive employment in rural areas, mainly through agriculture and allied activities and rural industries. A substantial proportion of public investment is being allocated in the current Plan for the expansion of the infra-structure and social services particularly in the rural areas. The revised Minimum Needs Programme covering elementary education, adult education, rural health; rural water supply, rural road construction, rural electrification and housing for landless labour households is also expected to provide additional employment for about one million workers during the next ten years. Under the Integrated rural development programme 2000 blocks are being taken up in the current Plan (1978-83). In addition, 300 blocks will be added in each year of the current Plan for detailed block level

planning. These programmes will generate large employment opportunities in the rural areas.

Block Level Planning for Hill Districts of U.P.

482. SHRI JAGANNATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot project for development through block level area planning for the hill districts of U.P. has been evolved; and

(b) if so, what is the number of blocks which have been covered by this scheme so far?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b) Five blocks in the Garhwal District of Uttar Pradesh have been selected for intensive development under the programme for Integrated Rural Development.

ग्रामीण उद्योगों को प्रारम्भ करने के लिए सर्वेक्षण

483. श्री शीलत राम सारण : क्या ऊद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गांवों में बड़े पैमाने पर ग्रामीण उद्योग प्रारम्भ करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ख) क्या ग्रामीण उद्योगों के लिए गांवों में उपलब्ध संसाधनों को जिला स्तर पर कोई प्रौद्योगिक सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ; और

(ग) ऐसे राज्य सरकारों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्होंने ऐसा सर्वेक्षण किया है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती ज्ञाना बाइलत) : (क) ग्रामीण तथा प्रघर्षग्रही क्षेत्रों में एक ही स्थान पर सभी सेवायें तथा सहायता उपलब्ध कराकर लघु तथा कुटीर उद्योगों का संवर्धन करने की दृष्टि से देश के 223 जिलों में केन्द्र प्रायोजित एक जिला उद्योग केन्द्र योजना प्रारम्भ की गई है। आगामी वर्ष के अंत तक समूचे देश को इस योजना के अंतर्गत ले लेने के प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं।

(ख) और (ग). लघु उद्योग सेवा संस्थानों तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग कार्यक्रम संगठन द्वारा कुछ जिलों के

सकनीको प्राथिक सर्वेक्षण किये गये हैं। प्रमुख (सीड) बकों द्वारा ऋण सर्वेक्षण प्रतिवेदन तैयार किये गये हैं। जिन राज्यों/जिलों में इस प्रकार के सर्वेक्षण किये गये हैं उनको एक सूची सभा पटल पर रखी गयी है। [अम्बाला में रखी गयी। देखिए संख्या LT—2785/78]। जिला उद्योग केन्द्र कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत सभी राज्य सरकारों विद्यमान औद्योगिक विभव सर्वेक्षणों को प्राथमिकता नहीं दिया गया है। उनका नया औद्योगिक सर्वेक्षण करने में लगे हुए हैं।

Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes by States

484. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to reduce the number of Centrally sponsored schemes substantially and to hand over their implementation to the State Government;

(b) whether several Chief Ministers have objected to this proposal; and

(c) what are the reasons behind the above proposals to the Central Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). The National Development Council has set up a Committee to consider various issues relating to Central-State financial relations in the context of the Draft Plan (1978—83). A Working Group of this Committee is examining, *inter-alia* the scope of Centrally-sponsored schemes in the Plan. The Central Government has not so far submitted any proposals in this context.

Assistance for Damages to Small Scale Industries

485. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what financial, te-

chnical and other assistances are proposed to be given by the Centre for revival of the small scale industrial units severely affected by the recent devastating floods in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): Several steps have been taken to rehabilitate the flood affected units in West Bengal. The Industrial Development Bank of India has formulated "Special Refinance Facility 1978" on "soft term" to assist Small, Tiny, Village and Cottage Units.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has been allocated Rs. 1.50 crores for implementation of their Special programme to assist the artisans etc. in affected areas of West Bengal.

The provisions of the Credit Guarantee Scheme have been liberalized to enable financial institutions/banks to write off losses incurred on account of flood damages. This would enable the flood affected units to avail of liberalized assistance programme from the financial institutions/banks.

Special licences for import of raw materials, components, consumables stores, spares and capital goods, in replacement of such goods actually damaged/destroyed by the floods in 1978-79, will be issued promptly.

The Small Industries Services Institute, Calcutta is coordinating its activities with the State Directorate of Small and Cottage Industries, whose groups of technical personnel are visiting affected areas with a view to provide on the spot technical advice/assistance to the units.