

Linking of Public Undertakings with surrounding Rural Areas in Northern States

8567. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to link public undertakings and the surrounding rural areas for securing economic development of that area in the Northern States of India; and

(b) the impact, if any, it had on rural employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Instructions have been issued to the public undertakings under the Ministry of Industry to actively assist the District Industries Centres of the Districts where these units are located. This assistance may take the following form:—

(a) Setting up of a District Industry-cum-Training Centre attached to each DIC.

(b) encouraging setting up ancillary industries to meet their purchase requirements.

(c) Assistance in working out marketing strategies for the local enterprises.

(d) Identify project possibilities within the district.

Many public undertakings have set up special cells for this purpose. It is too early to assess its impact on rural employment, but the various programmes drawn up by the DICs do have a sizeable employment potential.

Police procedures re: witness to accident

8568. SHRI S. S. LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the *Sunday Standard* of April 1, 1979 under the Caption "Police Procedures" regarding the misery and complications in which one gets entangled after giving any witness to an accident or crime and the police procedures;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to simplify these procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have appointed a National Police Commission to enquire into the system of investigation and prosecution, the reasons for delay and failure, the use of improper methods, and the extent of their prevalence, and suggest how the system may be modified or changed, and made efficient, scientific and consistent with human dignity; and how the related laws may be suitably amended.

The Commission will also examine the manner and extent to which police can enlist ready and willing cooperation of the public in the discharge of their social defence and law enforcement duties and suggest measures regarding the institutional arrangements to secure such cooperation and measures for the growth of healthy and friendly public-police relationship.

Pak spies held in J. & K.

8569. SHRI S. S. LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the disclosure made by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir that 18 Pakistani Spies have recently been held among some persons rounded up under the Public Safety Act; and

(b) if so, his reactions in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. 18 persons who include Pakistan nationals, residents of Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Indian nationals have been detained under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 for their espionage activities for Pakistan. Detection, elimination and prevention of such espionage activities is a continuous process and constant vigilance is exercised.

Steps to remove the problems of Tiny Sector

8571. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tiny sector is one of the important segment of the Integrated Rural Development; and

(b) the steps taken to remove the problems it faces now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Tiny sector is an important segment of Integrated Industrial Development. The main thrust of the new industrial policy is on effective promotion of cottage and small industries widely dispersed in rural areas and small towns. Special attention is being given to units in the tiny sector viz., those which have investment in machinery and equipment upto Rs. 1 lakh situated in towns with a population of less than 50,000 according to 1971 census figures and in villages.

(b) The steps taken to remove the problems of tiny units are:

(i) A new Central Scheme has been introduced for providing margins/seed money for promoting of tiny units. The scheme provides for margin money, assistance upto 10 per cent of the total fixed capital investment of tiny units. The credit required for small units upto Rs. 25,000 for equipment and work-

ing capital is being treated as term loan with repayment spread over 7-10 years. Small units are also given working capital at the rate of interest of 12 1/2 per cent. The loan applications of tiny units have been simplified; a flexible approach towards margin requirements has been adopted and disposal of loan applications is done within 30 days and at the District level itself.

(ii) The differential interest scheme provides small loans of low income artisans at the rate of interest of 4 per cent.

(iii) Rural industries project and Rural Artisan Project have been made integral part of District Industries Centres. These are for the benefit of rural artisans and tiny sector. Under this programme, training is provided with a stipend. Loan is given at low interest rates and artisans are also supplied with a tool-kit.

(iv) Tiny units according to the criteria of value of output, are given excise exemption in the case of a large number of products. This helps the tiny sector to compensate for their other difficulties.

(v) In the entrepreneurship training programme, tiny units and those of scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes, ex-servicemen etc., receive special attention.

Collaboration of Hindustan Motors with Vauxhall Motors and Marina, Vik

8573. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has given its clearance to Hindustan Motors' package proposal for improving the quality of their Ambassador cars with technical collaboration of Vauxhall Motors and Marina, Vik; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?