

up to 350 Million units and at Rs. 18 per Killowatt year on quantum of power generated beyond the limit of 350 Million units.

(b) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, at the request of the Government of Madras, took personal interest in the case to get the differences resolved.

#### GHANI OIL

**363. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the specific steps taken in Bihar State for the development of the manufacture of ghani oil;

(b) the number of oilmen's co-operative societies engaged in the manufacture of such oil;

(c) the number of societies which have not been given any assistance—technical or otherwise with the result that they are not functioning;

(d) the proposal, if any, for running the defunct oilmen's co-operative societies; and

(e) how does the rate of such oil compare, with mill oil?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy) :** (a) Financial assistance has been given to the State Government for the establishment of a model Demonstration Centre and for subsidising the introduction of improvedghanis.

(b) 119.

(c) 21.

(d) No such proposal has been received.

(e) The rate of Ghani oil is generally higher by about four to six annas per seer.

#### REGIONAL INSTITUTES FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

**364. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 863 on the 15th December, 1955 and state the progress so far made in each of the four Regional Institutes

for Small Scale Industries in the matter of assisting small industries to improve their technique of production and methods of business management, securing proper raw materials and promoting patterns of development and also co-ordinating their production programmes?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) :** A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 12.]

#### BICYCLE FACTORIES

**365. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 22 on the 21st November, 1955 and state the number of bicycle factories expected to be opened in India State-wise in the near future, in addition to the existing units?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) :** In addition to the existing units, five more firms—one in PEPSU, one in Punjab, one in Delhi and two in the U. P.—have been licensed for the manufacture of bicycles. These firms have not yet gone into production. The number of cycle factories that will be established in the country. State-wise, in the near future cannot be estimated at this stage.

#### N.E.S. BLOCKS IN P.E.P.S.U.

**366. Shri R. K. Gupta :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the number of N. E. S. Blocks proposed to be opened in PEPSU during 1956-57?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) :** Five National Extension Service Blocks recently allotted to the PEPSU State are scheduled to be taken up on 1-4-1956. The next allotment is proposed to be made sometime in July, 1956, on the basis of the availability of fully-trained personnel.