

(b) The Ministry of Home Affairs at the Centre and the respective departments dealing with tribal programmes in the States.

(c) Yes, Sir. A summary statement of the help given by different States to tribals to exploit commercially minerals and forest products is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 42].

FERTILIZER PLANT

2303. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is importing a fertiliser plant machinery from East Germany?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Neither has any such decision been taken nor any such proposal is under consideration at present.

SPINNING AND PAPER-MILLS

2305. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made by the Government of Assam requesting assistance to set up a spinning mill and a paper-mill in that State during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir. Some proposals were made by the Assam Government to the Planning Commission.

(b) The details of the scheme for setting up a spinning mill have not yet been finalised. As regards the paper mill, the State Government has, it is understood, been advised by the Planning Commission that the development of paper industry in the State will be left to the private sector.