

(b) which cottage and small scale industry firms supplied these goods ; and

(c) the price preference that is given for these purchases over the products of large-scale industries ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) No. of orders—629. Value—Rs. 168.2 lakhs.

(b) A list of such Cottage and Small Scale Industrial units is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 81].

(c) Price preference is not necessary in the case of these purchases. Cottage and Small Scale Woollen hosiery units are able to offer competitive rates and secure orders on merits.

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

2406. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam have submitted some proposals to develop some major industries in the Public Sector in the Second Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, action taken on those proposals ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). A number of industrial schemes, some of the them in the public sector and others involving State participation or assistance, were suggested by the Assam Govt. for implementation during the Second Plan period. These schemes were considered in the Planning Commission and the following have been approved for inclusion in the Plan :

(i) *Spinning Mill* : This is mainly intended to provide yarn to the handloom weaving industry in Assam. Whether this mill will be set up exclusively in the public sector or in collaboration with private parties is yet to be decided.

(ii) *Sugar Mill* : It is proposed to set up a sugar mill if possible as co-operative enterprise but if necessary, entirely in the public sector. In the latter

case, it is intended that it should ultimately be handed over to a co-operative Society.

(iii) *Jute Mill* : The State Govt. will participate in the share capital of a company which has been licensed for setting up a jute mill in Assam.

(iv) *Spun Silk Mill* : This scheme is intended to utilise the large quantities of silk waste available in Assam.

A total provision of Rs. 133 lakhs has been made in Second Plan for these schemes.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO MYSORE

2407. Shri N. Rachiah : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount placed at the disposal of Mysore Government for Education, Health, Transport, Rural Uplift, Industries, under First Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether the entire amount allotted under each item has been spent so far ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the progress achieved under each head ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 82].

NEWSPRINT

2408. Shri R. P. Garg : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of Newsprint produced in the country at present ;

(b) the quantity of Newsprint consumed by newspapers in the country ; and

(c) the quantity of Newsprint imported during the past two years ?