

Plan of the backward States are given below:

- (i) Under the modified Gadgil Formula, a lump-sum amount of Central assistance has been set apart for meeting the requirements of eight special category States, viz. Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura;
- (ii) Under the modified Gadgil Formula, instead of 10 per cent, 20 per cent of the divisible pool of Central assistance has been allocated to six backward States having per capita income below the national average;
- (iii) Central assistance of Rs. 1600 crores has been allocated to the States on the basis of Income Adjusted Total Population (IATP) Formula.
- (iv) Special assistance has been allocated for the development plans of Hill Areas and Tribal Areas, most of which are located in the backward States; and
- (v) Additional market borrowings of Rs. 1000 crores have been allocated amongst backward States over and above the annual step up of 10 per cent allowed uniformly to all the States.

Crisis in Sports Goods Industry

282. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sports goods industry is facing trouble and several cricket bat manufacturers had closed their units for want of raw materials like willow wood and cane;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the export of cane had also hit hard the sports goods manufacturers specially handles for cricket bats, hockey sticks and billiard sticks etc; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to help the sports goods manufacturers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Government have no report about closure of units manufacturing Cricket bats for want of raw material like Willow wood and Cane. However, units in Jullundur and Meerut are experiencing difficulty in getting adequate supplies of Willow Cleft from Jammu & Kashmir, the main source for supply of the raw material.

(b) It is too early to gauge the impact of export of Cane on wood based sports goods industry since export has been allowed only from January 1, 1981.

(c) Government have already allowed duty free import of Willow Cleft on OGL basis since April, 1980 to augment their availability for cricket bat manufacture. Efforts are also being made to increase the availability of Willow wood for sports goods industry from Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh. Indigenous supply of Cane for sports goods industry is also being increased from the Forest Departments of Andaman, Karnataka and Goa and is being made available to the industry through Sports Goods Export Promotion Council for export production of cricket bats, hockey sticks, etc.

टाटा ट्रक तथा बस चेसिस की बुकिंग के लिए नकद धनराशि जमा करना

283. श्री दिलीप सिंह भरिया : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या टाटा लोकोमोटिव इंजीनियरिंग कम्पनी के टाटा ट्रक तथा बस चेसिस डीलर्स