

(c) and (d). There is no proposal for setting up of a Public Sector unit in Baripada in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan. However, M/s. Konark Paper Mills, Cuttack have obtained registration with the Director General of Technical Development for setting up of a paper mill at Baripada for the manufacture of paper with an annual capacity of 6000 tonnes. Latest progress of implementation of the scheme has not been reported.

राज्यों द्वारा रर-योजना मर्दों पर खर्च.

9222. श्री हीरा लाल आर. परमार: क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने को हुना करेंगे कि:—

(क) क्या यह म्ब है कि अघिकांश राज्य सरकारें रर-योजना मर्दों पर योजना खर्च कर देती हैं; और

(ख) छोटी योजना के दौरान उक्त प्रतिक्रिया को रोकने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कर्म्म उठाये जाने का विचार है?

योजना और श्रम मंत्री (श्री नारायण बत तिवारी): (क) राज्यों से उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार योजनागत अरराशियों को योजनांतर प्रकार के मर्दों के लिए उपयोग के लिए अन्तरित नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) प्रश्न उगस्थित नहीं होता।

Superintendents working in high altitudes for more than three years

9223. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Superintendents (B&R) Gr. I & II in M.E.S. have been working in high altitudes for more than three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are not being transferred to other offices at low altitudes on one reason for the other; and

(c) does the Minister propose giving directives to the concerned commands to transfer these officials from hill stations to plains on rotational basis so that officers working on high altitudes may get chance to work on the plains or on the stations of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Instructions already exist prescribing a specific period of two to three years service at high altitude stations in respect of civilian subordinate personnel in the MES and for their transfer to the plains or to stations of their choice on completion of the prescribed tenure of service at high altitude stations.

Eradication of untouchability

9224. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which untouchability in any form, has been eradicated;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the machinery Government are employing at present to eradicate untouchability completely in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). Untouchability cannot be said to have been completely eradicated from the States in which it has been customarily practised. In view of the clear nexus between the economic plight of the Scheduled Castes and social disabilities to which they are subjected, the main emphasis has

been laid on the development, with focus on the economic development, of the Scheduled Castes through the instruments of

(1) Special component Plans for the Scheduled Castes for which Special Central Assistance is provided to the State Governments, and

(2) The Scheduled Castes Development Corporations.

Apart from these, one of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes is the strengthening of the machinery for the enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, for which the Central Government provides matching assistance to the State Governments. Better implementation of this Act is being impressed upon the States/Union Territories. Under another Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aid is provided to voluntary organisations, some of which have programmes directed against untouchability.

Setting up of a biogas plant at Udaipur

9225. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a biogas plant at Udaipur to use hyacinth in lake as fuel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b). The Central Government has no proposal under consideration to set up a biogas plant at Udaipur City using water hyacinth as feed-material. The excessive spread of water hyacinth of the lake of Udaipur was causing anxiety to the citizens of that area and to the State Government officials; the matter referred to the Department of Science and Technology. After consulting experts, the Department of Science and Tech-

nology have suggested measures for the removal and control of the weed. The weed has been removed from the lake mechanically with the help of State Government officials and peoples participation and the measures suggested will check its further growth/proliferation. Since the requirements of the Udaipur lakes from the tourism and drinking water needs, are for elimination of water hyacinth, the setting up of biogas plant at Udaipur was not considered because a continuous supply of water hyacinth could not be ensured.

Investments in Industries in Karnataka

9226. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new industrial units established in the State of Karnataka since March, 1981;

(b) what are the Units out of such units for which the capital invested is more than Rs. 25 lakhs.

(c) what is the total capital invested in these industries so far; and

(d) what is the total capital amount of loans granted by the financial institutions to these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (d). According to the information furnished by the Government of Karnataka, eight new industrial units in the medium and large scale sectors with investment above Rs. 25 lakhs) have been established in that State since March 1981. Particulars of these units are given in the attached statement. As per the information of Government of Karnataka, these units have not been granted any loans by the financial institutions.

Information regarding small scale units established since March 1981 is not available as such data is compiled half yearly.