

T.P.D. Plant at Wazeho Nagaland

2549. SHRI CHINGWANG KONYAK: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the clearance for the 50 TPD plant at Wazeho in Nagaland is awaiting from the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) :

(a) and (b). A proposal for the establishment of a 50 TPD mini cement plant based on Wazeho lime stone deposits has been received from the North Eastern Council. The scheme is based on the Vertical shaft Kifu process developed by Cement Research Institute of India and is presently under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

Pension to freedom fighters from Maharashtra

2550. SHRI R. K. MHALGI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 997 on 6th May, 1961 regarding pension to freedom fighters from Maharashtra and state :

(a) whether Government have taken decision on remaining 1701 cases of freedom fighters from Maharashtra;

(b) if not, how many cases are still pending with Government and what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) when a decision on these cases is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Out

of these 1701 cases, decision has been taken in 135 cases.

(b) and (c). In the balance of 1566 cases, final decision will be taken after receipt of state verification and entitlement reports.

Plan for Development of Backward Districts in Maharashtra

2551. SHRI R. K. MHALGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive plan for development of Centrally backward districts in Maharashtra was recently discussed by him with the State Chief Minister recently ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government of India for speedy clearance of Industrial projects in those districts ; and

(c) the names of the projects which have since been declared as a result of the high level discussions referred to above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Three industrially backward districts, namely, Aurangabad, Ratnagiri and Chandernagur have been identified by the State Government for initiating nucleus plant programme for integrated industrial development. A task force consisting of Central and State Government officials has since been set up to identify project possibilities in these districts for intensive industrial development. The work of the task force is in progress.