

Small Scale Industries

- 154E. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. Das Gupta:
Shri Ghosal:
Shri Subiman Ghose:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of small scale industries in West Bengal which have been benefited so far by the financial aid from the Central Government;

(b) whether Government have recently approved some more schemes for the development of small scale industries in that State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Sports goods, Lock Industry, Brass and Bell metal, Small Engineering Industry, Carpentry, Blacksmithy, Pottery, Wood Industry, Glass beads, Baby Shoes, Cutlery, Mechanical toys, Cycle parts, Footwear, Surgical instruments, Handloom accessories, Sanitary ware and electrical goods.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have given financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for the execution of 30 schemes for the development of Small Scale Industries during 1957-58. A statement showing brief details of the schemes and the quantum of financial assistance sanctioned and released for each of the scheme is attached. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 112]

Incidence of Leprosy in N.E.F.A.

- 154E. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of leprosy cases treated in the leper colonies in North Eastern Frontier Agency since 1952 upto date;

(b) whether the incidence of leprosy among the Tribal people of North Eastern Frontier Agency has increased; and

(c) what preventive measures in addition to curative have been taken to check the spread of disease?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance. (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 255.

(b) The entire Agency area has not yet been thoroughly surveyed. Therefore, there is no basis on which definite opinion can be informed whether the incidence of leprosy among the tribal people of NEFA has increased or decreased. It is, however, true that more and more cases of leprosy come to be detected as the area of survey extends.

(c) In addition to the Health Propaganda made with a view to create consciousness among the people about communicable diseases, village-wise survey, detection of fresh cases and their isolation in leprosaria are the measures adopted for checking the spread of the disease.

Liaison between National Laboratories and Department of Atomic Energy

1547. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any liaison between the National Laboratories in India and the Atomic Energy Establishment;

(b) if so, the names of the laboratories; and

(c) the nature of the liaison?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Atomic Energy is a member of the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and he is therefore fully aware of the directions in