

(e) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission have demanded higher financial assistance and institutional credit to achieve the targets; and

(f) if so, the decision thereupon.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES

(SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) In the Sixth Plan for the Khadi and Village Industries Sector a target of 2.3 million additional jobs has been fixed. This will raise the employment level in the sector from 27.33 lakhs in 1979-80 to 50.50 lakhs in 1984-85. The targets and achievements for the last two years (1980-81 and 1981-82) are as under :—

(Figures in lakhs)

	1980-81		1981-82	
	Target	Achievement	Targets	Achievements
(1) Khadi	11.90	12.06	12.70	13.10
(2) Village Industries	20.60	18.10	23.80	19.61
TOTAL	32.50	30.16	36.50	32.71

(The targets indicated are for the Sixth Plan and include beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development (IRD) Programme. The figures relating to achievement do not include the IRD components)

(b) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission has launched a special scheme of intensive development of Khadi and Village industries in the Bijapur and Chitradurg districts of Karnataka. Similar schemes have also been launched by the Commission in the Rai Bareilly and Sultanpur districts of Uttar Pradesh. The Commission also intends undertaking similar programmes in selected "no-industry districts" in the country. The Commission has proposed to operate in 200 blocks during 1982-83 under the IRD Programme, and in 300 blocks during 1983-84, through institutional agencies identified by the Commission.

(c) No instructions have been issued to change the existing organisational framework for implementing the programmes in the Khadi & Village Industries Sector which comprises the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, the State Khadi and Village Industries Boards,

and the various institutions which receive aid from the Commission and the State Boards.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) and (f) The progress of implementation of the various programmes in the Khadi and Village Industries Sector as well as the funds required are being reviewed periodically and the question of giving higher financial assistance will be considered as and when necessary.

10-Year Plan to provide every village with All Weather Roads

1691. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group of National Transport Policy Committee of the Planning Commission

has suggested a 10-Year plan to provide every village with all-weather roads;

(b) the total number of villages identified with population of (i) less than 1000 (ii) between 1000-1500 and (iii) Hilly-Tribal areas in Madhya Pradesh State, who would obtain the benefit under "Minimum Needs Programme" for economic growth of rural areas by such all-weather roads;

(c) the total length of all-weather roads to be constructed under this scheme, district-wise in M.P. during 1982-83 and 1984; and

(d) whether National Rural Employment Programme would be co-ordinated with this scheme and the estimated jobs that will be created during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total number of villages, category-wise, covered by the Minimum Needs Programme for rural roads in Madhya Pradesh is as follows :—

Population Category	Total No. of villages	Villages to be connected by 1990
1500 and above	2990	2990
1000—1500	4347	2174
Less than 1000 ¹	63546	Not available ²

(c) Targets/achievements under Minimum Needs Programme primarily relate to the number of villages connected with roads. Information on the construction of roads length-wise and district-wise under the Minimum Needs Programme is not available.

(d) The Government of India have written to the State Govern-

ments to examine the feasibility of coordinating the construction of rural roads under the Minimum Needs Programme with those under the National Rural Employment Programme.

¹According to the targets of the Minimum Needs Programme all villages in the category of 1500 and above population and 50% of the villages in the category 1000-1500 population are to be connected with all weather link roads by 1990. Normally villages in the category of less than 1000 population do not form part of the Minimum Needs Programme except in hilly, tribal, desert and coastal areas where the norms of population categories mentioned above can be applied to "clusters" of villages also.

²Information in regard to the number of villages in hilly and tribal area in M.P. is not readily available.

Shortage of Power to Mini Steel Plants

1692. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several mini steel units continue to suffer on account of the sluggish demand due to the recessionary conditions in general and large imports of steel products;

(b) if so, whether in some units the situation has worsened due to power shortage;

(c) the other factors which are responsible;

(d) to what extent the steel import has hit the mini steel units; and

(e) and what steps Government propose to take to deal with the situation?