

Small Scale Industries in Punjab

2507. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) how much reduction has taken place in the production of consumer goods in Punjab in Small Scale Industries Sector due to recent power cut in Punjab; and

(b) what steps are being taken to avoid such power cut to the industries in future?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Precise information about the decline in production due to power cut in the Punjab is not available.

(b) The State Electricity Board considers that there is no likelihood of such a situation arising in the near future in view of the additional generating capacity which is being installed at Bhakra.

Washing Soap

2508. { **Shri P. R. Patel:**
Shri K. U. Parmar:
Shri Fatehsinh Ghodasar:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the washing soap manufactured by the indigenous Indian factories, small and big, and so-called Indian factories is either managed or financed by foreigners; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to distinguish soaps manufactured by factories either managed or financed by foreigners from the soaps manufactured by the indigenous Indian factories?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Only three factories are being mainly managed or financed by foreigners.

(b) It is not proposed to take any steps in this connection.

Bore-Wells in Dandakaranya

2509. **Shri Sangana:** Will the Minister of **Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bore-wells have been dug in the Dandakaranya Project area of Koraput District (Orissa) and the Bastar District (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) if so, the number in each district;

(c) whether all are successful; and

(d) what is the amount spent over these wells so far?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) Yes.

(b) District Koraput (Orissa) 69

District Bastar	
(Madhya Pradesh)	133
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Total	202
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(c) 116 were successful.

(d) About Rs. 66,500.

Development of Handicrafts

2510. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1195 on the 17th March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the formal report from the Japanese Handicraft Expert who visited India recently; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of these recommendations for the development of handicrafts?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The formal report from the Japanese Handicraft Expert has not yet been received, but the same is expected shortly.

(b) Does not arise.