

Closure of Marsden-Monogram Textile Mill in Ahmedabad

2139. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Marsden-Monogram Textile Mill in Ahmedaba. has been closed down since September/ Octobaer, 1982;

(b) if so, the details and number of workers affected ;

(c) whether workers had not been paid their wages even when the mill was functioning ;

(d) if so, steps being taken in the matter ;

(e) whether workers have been agitating and demanding take over of the mill ; and

(f) if so, whether Government have considered this suggestion/ demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (f). M/s Marsden Spinning and Manufacturing Company Ahmedabad and Monogram Mills, Co. Ltd., Ahmedabad have been closed since 19th October, 82 because of financial difficulties. The Mills have not paid wages to workers since August, 1982 and the Textile Labour Association has moved the labour court for recovery of dues. Workers have been agitating and demanding takeover of the mills. One Cotton Merchant interested in taking over of the mill has moved Gujarat High Court for not passing winding up orders on pending petitions from creditors. The High Court of Gujarat has appointed a provisional official liquidator to take possession of the mills. The number of workers employed by M/s Mar-

sdan Mill is about 1900 and by M/s Monogram Mills about 2750. Further developments are being watched by the Government of Gujarat. Government have no intention of taking over the management of either of these two undertakings at present.

Provision of credit facilities to Technical Entrepreneurs

2140. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government have made arrangements to provide technical entrepreneurs with credit and guidance of market opportunities for expeditious clearance of schemes and grant of permits for such persons for provision of inputs through any institution ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) Yes, Sir. The small Industries Development Organisation through its network of local offices assists the technical entrepreneurs by way of counselling, dissemination of marketing intelligence, getting preferential treatment for purchase of their products by the Government etc. The District Industries Centres (DICs) are a focal point for providing the various services and support needed by the entrepreneurs at various stages of setting up of a poroject. The banks and financial institutions provide credit facilities on easy terms.

Public Undertakings without Functional Directors

2141. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDER HALDER : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of whose public sector enterprises which are at present without their functional directors; and

(b) his reaction thereto ?