

Setting up of industries in Kalahandi

560. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kalahandi District of Orissa has been identified as an industrially backward area;

(b) if so, the steps Central Government are taking for this industrially backward area; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Government offers the following incentives|facilities for setting up industries in backward areas:

(i) Central Scheme of Investment Subsidy;

(ii) Concessional Refinance Scheme of IDBI;

(iii) Seed|Margin Money Assistance;

(iv) Income Tax Relief;

(v) Consultancy for Technical Services;

(vi) Interest Subsidy;

(vii) Special facilities for importing raw materials

(viii) Rural Artisans Programme;

(ix) District Industries Centre.

Annual Plan Targets

561. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has completed the discussions with State Governments regarding annual plan targets;

(b) if so, the States with whom talks have been finalised and the different targets fixed;

(c) whether in fixing these targets for the States and allocating funds adequate attention has been paid to ensure that the 20-Point Programme do not starve because of paucity of funds and whether during the next two years the planning process will be so geared up as to reach the rural areas more aid to promote the rural welfare; and

(d) if so, the details of the plans formulated, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With all the States except the State of Assam.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the Plans formulated would be indicated in the Annual Plan document which will be placed before the Parliament as soon as possible after the presentation of the Central and State Budgets.

Foreign Money for Missionary activities in North Eastern Regions

562. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the amount of foreign money that has been poured into North-Eastern and Eastern-regions for the activities of the foreign Christian missionaries since April, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House in due course.

Non-Availability of Electric Power for Industries

563. SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that onward march of industrial production in our country is seriously thwarted by non-availability of electric power; and