

Failure of Tribal sub-Plans

639. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concept of Tribal Sub-Plans has failed in the entire country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that schemes formulated under these Tribal Sub-Plans have not given direct benefits to the tribal people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir. On the other hand, the concept of tribal sub-Plan has made visible impact in tribal areas.

(b) No, Sir. The schemes of tribal sub-Plan have benefited tribal people.

Priority to Backward Areas in Planning

640. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no priority in any sector of planning is being given to those backward areas of former princely States over those ruled by British India;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has ever considered the desirability over such proposal; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to faulty planning areas known as scheduled areas in Indian Constitution and partially excluded and excluded areas could not make any headway?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No distinction is made by the Planning Commission between the former princely States and those ruled by the British in the matter of planning or removal of backwardness; both get the same priority.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Development of the areas referred to is in fact receiving special attention in the national plan.

Power cut in the Industries in Orissa

641. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of industries have been affected due to the recent power cut imposed in Orissa;

(b) if so, the name and the number of the major and medium industries affected due to power cut;

(c) the average monthly loss sustained by each of these industries since the power cut imposed in that State on those industries; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to remove the bottleneck?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) State Government of Orissa have intimated that the following industrial units have been affected due to recent power restriction:—

1. Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela.
2. Indian Aluminium, Hirakud.
3. Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys, Theruvali.
4. Ferro Manganese Plant, Rayagada.
5. Ferro Manganese Plant, Joda.
6. Jayshree Chemicals, Ganjam.
7. Ferro Chrome Plant, Jaipur Road.
8. Orient Paper Mills (Caustic Soda).

It is very difficult to assess precisely the loss in industrial production due to power-cut alone as production losses are also due to a number of other constraints such as shortage of imported and indigenous raw materials, non-availability of adequate furnace oil, lack of finance, slackness in demand, labour disputes, etc.

(d) The State Government have made special drive to improve thermal generation at TTPS and take steps for early commissioning of its Sixth Unit and stabilisation of the Fifth Unit. Further additional Power assistance, to the extent available, has been obtained from the