

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to(c) No industrialist team has recently visited China for establishing joint ventures. However, a China Investment Promotion meeting was held from June 7 to 11, 1982 at Guanzhou jointly sponsored by Mofert, China and UNIDO. The Indian delegation to the meeting included three industrialists. They signed letters of intent or memoranda of understanding showing mutual interest for collaboration in fields like, coaltar, enamel, anti-corrosive protection of pipelines, advanced dyeing and printing equipment and printed and finished cut bath towels. Both sides still have a lot of differences in their approach and marketing of the product within China.

Promotion of Forest Based Industries in North Eastern Region

7216. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the promotion of forest based industries in the North-Eastern region ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) and (b) Paper and plywood industries based on forest resources have already been established in the organised sector in the North East, and further projects are under implementation. So far as the small scale sector is concerned, according to the action plans prepared for various Districts in the North East, a large number of forest based industries are reported to be registered with the State Directorate of Industries, and further industries based on forestry have also been identified.

Expenditure in Public Undertakings

7217. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will

the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the Public Undertakings under his Ministry have cut down their plan and non-plan expenditure in pursuance of the Prime Minister's recent directive ;

(b) whether some of the Undertakings which are perennially in red like the MAMC have violated the above directive ; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against such losing undertakings for not complying with the Prime Minister's directive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) A cut of 5% in the overall Plan allocation and 3% on Non-Plan expenditure, excluding that on interest payments, was imposed by the Ministry of Finance. The cuts in the Plan Outlay were effected in various projects by project review.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Border Disputes in States

7218. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are certain border disputes of certain States pending before Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether a Commission has been appointed to solve the problem ; and

(d) if so, the details of the Commission's report received by Government in this regard ?