

Tribes Development Corporations are not in existence ;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the working of these SC and ST Development Corporations ; and

(c) whether Government have also been assisting financially and issued directions to ensure that officials do not come in the way of sanctioning financial assistance to Scheduled Castes/Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are five State Governments, viz., (1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) Manipur, (3) Meghalaya, (4) Nagaland and (5) Sikkim which have not established any Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes Corporations.

(b) and (c) The Government is generally satisfied with the working of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporations some of which have come into being only during the last five years. The working of these Corporations has got a real impetus only during the Sixth Five Year Plan when Government of India started contributing to their share capital on a 49 : 51 basis. The working of these Corporations is getting systematised and action is underway to put their monitoring and evaluation on sound footings. No instance has come to Government of India's notice of any official coming in the way of sanctioning financial assistance.

Exodus of Scientists to Foreign Countries

7295. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the exodus of Scientists to foreign countries is still continuing ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) steps being taken to check this national loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) There are opportunities for higher studies, training and research abroad, particularly in North America and some scientists go there to avail themselves of these opportunities. While most of them return to India, some find employment and stay behind.

(c) A number of measures have taken to encourage well qualified scientists to pursue their interests in the country. Some of these are :—

Total outlay for Science and Technology has been increased and fellowships and associateships have been provided alongwith appropriate facilities. There is provision for temporary placement of scientists under the scheme of Scientists' Pool. In many cases, Indian scientists are considered for appointments in Indian institutions in absentia. Facilities to import of equipment to scientists who return to India have also been provided. A scheme for young scientists has been introduced. Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers have been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions. Measures have been taken to provide good opportunities for career growth. Fiscal incentives have been provided to the industry to set up in house R & D and sponsor research in laboratories which give opportunities to scientists in industry. Research in new and frontier areas of science is encouraged by larger funding and sophisticated instruments are being made available through the regional Sophisticated Instrument Centres.

Survey of Sick Units

7296. SHRI NIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new item which

appeared in the Statesman of 7 February, 1984 under the heading "centre conducting survey of sick industries" ;

(b) if so, whether a unit to unit survey of the sick industries in the country is being conducted and if so, since when and by whom ;

(c) the number of such units surveyed so far and the details thereof ; and

(d) whether the persons who are conducting the survey are also meeting the managements and the trade unions of such undertakings to ascertain their views about factors responsible for sickness and remedies and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Sample Survey of Small Scale units was carried out in the country in order to assess the incidence of sickness in this sector, to identify causes and suggest measures for rehabilitating the sick sick units by the office of the development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) during 1982-83.

(c) A sample of 7890 units selected on the basis of stratified random sampling from the list of units registered with all the State Directorate of Industries as on 31st March, 1981 and falling within the purview of Small Industries Development Organisation have been surveyed.

(d) The persons who conducted field investigations contacted the managements of sample units for collection of data. The views of small scale industries associations were also sought.

Projects Undertaken by E.P.I.

7297. SHRI NIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) details of total projects including client's particulars, contract value, construction schedule and project description which Engineering Project (India) Limited is taking up in Algeria ;

(b) how projects are proposed to be financed including advanced of amount from client ;

(c) whether the said party asked EPI to arrange credit for projects ; if so, names of banks, who are providing credit and arrangement for insurance cover ;

(d) arrangements to recover payments including deferred payments, if any ;

(e) which are the companies in India or abroad to whom EPI will subcontract different works with value and nature of work to be assigned to each such company ; and

(f) reasons for delay in signing Algerian contract and new overseas jobs being expected by the Company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to (f) M/s. Engineering Projects India Ltd. secured a Letter of Intent in June '83 from the client viz. Director General, Establishment National Pour Exploitation, Meteorologique at Aeronatutique (ENEMA), Government of Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria for construction of a Five-Star Hotel on turnkey basis at Houari Houmediene Airport. The details of financing, credit arrangements, etc. have yet to be finalised. A team from EPI would shortly be visiting Algeria for further discussions on the subject with the Algeria Client. EPI have been actively pursuing with the client and various agencies with a view to expediting the finalisation of the terms of the contract. The company has been bidding and will continue to bid for new viable overseas projects.