

Government that subject to techno-economic considerations comparatively backward regions are given preference in the location of Central projects.

During 1982 to 1984, the number of Letters of Intent and Industrial Licences issued for setting up industries in No-Industry Districts of West Bengal are as follows :

Name of the District	1982		1983		1984 (June)	
	LI	IL	LI	IL	LI	IL
Bankura	1	—	—	—	1	—
Cooch Bihar	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darjeeling	2*	—	1	—	—	—
Jalpaiguri	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malda	—	—	2	1*	—	—

(\*One of the Letters of Intent issued for Darjeeling was converted for Malda district).

The details of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences are published by Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly News Letter', copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

**Proposal for Setting up of a Paper Mill  
in North Bengal**

796-RR. SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of west Bengal have approached the Central Government for the setting up of a paper mill in North Bengal where the availability of pulpable raw material, particularly bamboo is assured ;

(b) if so, the response of the Centre to the said proposal ;

(c) at what stage the Central Government decision to the said proposal is resting ; and

(d) the time Central Government require to arrive at a decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) There is no proposal at present for setting up a paper mill in North Bengal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Recession in Industry**

796-S. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether various sectors of industry have lately been suffering from recession ;

(b) if so, which sectors have been so suffering and to what extent ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the industry to extricate itself out of the situation, industry-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to (c) some of the industries which

included steel, engineering goods and textiles suffered in the past from slack demand due to a variety of reasons.

According to available information production of salcable steel during April-June 1984 recorded an increase of 9.9 per cent over April-June 1983. There has been further reduction in the opening stocks of salcable steel from 0.81 million tonnes on 1.4.1984 to 0.78 million tonnes on 1.7.1984.

The performance of engineering industries during 1983-84 which included power transformers, electrical motors, commercial vehicles, railway wagons, agricultural tractors, etc. showed reversal of declining trend in production witnessed in 1982-83.

Textile industry continues to experience difficulty because of high cost of production, slack demand in the face of high prices and stiff competition from the power-loom sector.

The approach to the Seventh Five Year Plan 1985-1990 envisages a major programme of modernisation and technology upgradation for continued viability and for introducing cost effective and modern production techniques for industries like textiles, jute etc.

The performance of engineering industries etc. is being reviewed from time to time in order to identify the bottlenecks experienced in improving production and take suitable action.

#### Single Window Clearance to Deal With Industrialists

796-SS. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the steps that have been taken on the directive of the Prime Minister on 22 June, 1984 to work out a system by which "single window clearance" could be effected in all matters where Government have to deal with the

public including industrialists and non-resident Indians who come with investment proposals ; and

(b) how Government propose to help the South Indian Industries facing perennial coal shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) The system of 'single window clearance, has already been introduced in the case of the following types of industrial licensing proposals :

- (1) Composite applications involving more than one clearance ;
- (2) 100% export-oriented units ; and
- (3) Non-resident Indians.

(b) Performance of Singareni Collieries is being closely monitored and shortages are met by supplies from other Collieries of Coal India. In addition to a Committee of Secretaries, which looks into the infrastructural bottlenecks, a Cabinet Committee on infrastructure is regularly monitoring coal supplies and taking remedial measures.

#### Supply of Pulpable raw Materials to Paper Mills of West Bengal

796-T. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some adjoining States of West Bengal have refused to supply pulpable raw materials to paper mills of West Bengal resulting in less production of paper by these mills ;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to interfere in the matter ;

(c) if so, when ; and