

(b) whether the body was not even noticed either by a Policeman on the beat or by the Police Patrol Car during this period of a day and a night in a busy thoroughfare ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The report was investigated. On 6.9.71 the stall holders in front of Irwin Hospital saw a beggar lying on the road. The beggar was alive at about 10.00 a. m. and died sometime thereafter. The stall holders informed the Control Room, who informed the Darya Ganj Police Station. A report D. D. No. 43-B was registered in the Darya Ganj Police Station at 12.03 hours and an officer rushed to the spot. He held an inquest and sent the body for post-mortem. The post-mortem report showed death as due to natural causes. It is incorrect that the body lay on the road for a night and a day.

Setting up of Industrial Units at Madurai (Tamil Nadu)

1591. **SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Madurai in Tamil Nadu State is industrially backward, particularly in engineering industry, and

(b) whether Government contemplate to start an industrial unit of heavy industry in this District ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a)

and (b). Madurai is one of the districts declared as backward and finance at concessional rates is available from financial institutions for industries to be set up in the district. Besides, an area comprising of 10 taluks in Tamil Nadu is eligible for the 10% Central outright grant or subsidy, which includes one taluk, namely, Melur, from this district. There is at present no proposal for setting up a Central public sector unit of heavy industry in that district.

Utilisation of idle capacity in industries in Madhya Pradesh

1592. **SHRI G. C. DIXIT :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of the idle capacity lying in different industries in Madhya Pradesh from 1968 to 1970, year-wise and

(b) the steps taken by Government to rectify all prevailing imbalances in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The problems of individual industries where capacity is under-utilised are constantly engaging the attention of Government and whatever steps are feasible are being taken to facilitate the fuller use of the installed capacities in various industries.

STATEMENT

Unutilised Production Capacity in some important Industries in Madhya Pradesh, As borne on the Register of D. G. T. D.

Name of Industry	Measuring unit	Licenced capacity	1968	1969	1970
			Idle capacity	Idle capacity	Idle capacity
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Industrial machinery	Ra. (lakhs)	200	141.52	113.96	111.03
2. Agro industries	Nos.	60000	19685	3613	23781

1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Welding Electrodes	Million running meters	42 in 1968 & 69 and 60 in 1970	14	Nil	8
4. Steel Forgings	Tonnes	5000	4838.48	4090.08	4251.50
5. Steel castings	—	—	50%	62%	60%
6. Cast Iron Spun Pipes	—	—	—	80%	50%
7. Chlorosulphonic Acid	Tonnes	3600	1636	2175	2009
8. S. Superphosphate	„	75000	33828	18898	2136
9. Particle Board and Densified wood	—	—	72%	63%	63%
10. Asbestos Cement products	—	—	76%	72%	57.3%
11. Refractories	Tonnes	83640	19440	18390	12845
12. Cotton seed oil Industry	„	42800	36%	30%	45%
13. Cement	Million Tonnes	2.5 Mil. Tonnes	30%	20%	26%
14. Soap	Tonnes	1500	1397	1288	1297

Removal of imbalances by setting up of Rural Industries in Backward areas of Madhya Pradesh

1593. SHRI G. C. DIXIT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any additional rural schemes have been sanctioned recently for certain Districts in the industrially backward regions of Madhya Pradesh State ; and

(b) if so, the past experience in regard to rural industrial schemes sanctioned previously and the extent to which the newly sanctioned schemes are expected to remove imbalances as a result of the development of backward areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Four Rural Industries Projects have been allotted to the State recently.

(b) Four Rural Industries Projects have been operating in Madhya Pradesh since 1962-63 in the Districts of Bhilai, Bhand, Sarguja and East Nimar. The progress of the project in all these areas has been reasonably satisfactory. 1154 new units have been set up in these areas in the fields of plastics, bakery, steel furniture, tyre retreading, agricultural implements, leather goods, barbed wire, readymade garments, radio-repair etc. Common Facility Centres have also been set up in the fields of bell metal working, carpentry, blacksmithy etc. The total employment provided by these industries has been about 6,800 persons. The success of such projects will undoubtedly help to reduce the imbalances in the development of the State.