

**Report of Dr. R. K. Bhan Committee  
for setting up of Small Scale  
Industries**

**394. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATIL:  
SHRI RAMSHEKHAR PRASAD  
SINGH:**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Bhan has submitted a report to Government;

(b) whether the Committee has recommended restrictions on the setting up of new large scale industries and giving of preference in favour of small scale industries and creation of a dedicated managerial cadre; and

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Opening of new branch Post Offices  
and P.C.Os. in Bihar**

**395. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3389 on 6th December, 1972 regarding opening of new Branch Post Offices and P.C.Os. in Darbhanga, Bihar and state:

(a) whether the 51 sanctioned Branch Post Office and P.C.Os at Shaharghat and other places have since been opened and started functioning;

(b) what is the proposed or sanctioned list of Branch P.Os and P.C.Os. to be opened during the coming year and whether Marukia (in Khajouli) as B.P.Os. and Babu Barahi and Bisfi as P.C.Os. are among them; and

(c) whether, Madhubani, Samastipur and other new districts having been formed in Bihar new postal divisions are being opened at those places; if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):**

(a) Out of the 51 branch post offices sanctioned to be opened in Darbhanga District, 12 have been opened. The P.C.O. sanctioned for Saharghat has not so far been opened.

(b) It is proposed to open 84 post offices and 1 P.C.O. in Darbhanga district during the year 1973-74. The exact places where these post offices and P.C.O. will be opened will depend upon the examination of specific proposals fulfilling the standards prescribed by the P&T Department. The 84 post offices mentioned above include a post office for Marukhia village the proposal of which is already under examination. A proposal for opening a P.C.O. at Babu Barhi was examined, but was found not justified according to the existing policy. The proposal for opening a P.C.O. at Bisfi is being examined.

(c) A new Postal Division has already been opened for Samastipur on 15th February 1973. Postal Divisions for Nalanda, Rohtas and Palamau have also been opened. Proposals for opening new Postal Divisions for Begusarai, Vaisali and Siwan districts and bifurcation of the existing Patna City Postal Division are currently being examined. A Postal Division for Madhubani district is at present not justified according to the standards prescribed by the P&T Department.

**Construction of Transmitter building  
at Darbhanga**

**396. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5220 on the 20th December, 1972 regarding Mithila Broadcasting Station of All India Radio and state:

(a) whether construction of the transmitter building has since commenced and the schedule for its completion;

(b) whether the construction is being undertaken departmentally for expediting its completion; and

(c) whether a powerful transmitter is proposed to be install at Darbhanga to cover Mithila speaking people of India and also of Nepal, if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA):** (a) Contract for building work at Darbhanga has since been awarded. The buildings and installation of the transmitter are expected to be completed during 1974-75;

(b) The work is being executed by the Civil Wing of All India Radio.

(c) A medium power medium wave transmitter is being provided at Darbhanga. This transmitter, together with the medium power transmitter already existing at Bhagalpur is expected to provide adequate coverage to the bulk of Maithili speaking people.

#### **Allocation of Foreign Exchange for Small-Scale Industries**

387. **SHRI D. P. JADEJA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange allocated during 1972-73 for small scale industries;

(b) whether Government propose to increase it; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):** (a) to (c). Under the current import policy no fixed allocation of foreign exchange is made in

advance to the small scale sector. Foreign Exchange availability over the last few years has progressively increased as detailed below:—

	<i>Rs. in Crores.</i>
1969-70 . . . . .	65.75
1970-71 . . . . .	83.26
1971-72 . . . . .	117.95

This trend is expected to continue.

#### **Punalur Paper Factory in Kerala**

398. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has recommended the expansion of the production capacity of Punalur Paper factory in Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether the licence for expansion has been given?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A letter of intent for effecting substantial expansion of their existing industrial undertaking at Punalur for the manufacture of High Strength Kraft Paper, abrasive base paper and cable insulation paper from 33,000 tonnes per annum to 50,000 tonnes per annum has been issued to the firm on 25th January, 1973.

#### **Issue of Letters of Intent to set up new Industrial Units**

399. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of the Letters of Intent issued to the State Governments or State Government dominated agencies to set up new