

Centralised agency to supply Information to Entrepreneurs for setting up Small Industries

8219. **SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many ambitious young-men want to take initiative to self-employ themselves in small scale industries sector but they do not have knowledge of the technical, financial and other facilities made available by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remedy the situation and set up a centralised agency for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Small Scale Industries Development Organisation with its net-work of Small Industries Service Institutes and Extension Centres all over the country assists prospective entrepreneurs in setting up Industries in the small scale sector. Some of the types of assistance afforded to these personnel are as follows:

- (i) A book-let entitled 'Use Your Opportunities for starting a Small Industry' providing information on various facilities available from the Government to the entrepreneurs for starting industries in the small scale sector has been brought out by the Small Scale Industries Development Organisation. A large number of pamphlets on technical, management and financial facilities available to small scale units have also been brought out and distributed freely to the interested persons.

- (ii) A training programme for Unemployed engineers was

started in 1971 and it is being continued.

- (iii) Intensive campaigns during which on the spot advice is provided to the entrepreneurs, are also organised.

- (iv) A scheme of assistance to the educated unemployed was initiated by the Government in 1972. Under this scheme specific amounts are allocated to the State Governments to provide a package of assistance comprising training, machinery on hire purchase and seed money for raising working capital etc.

In view of the steps already taken, it is not considered necessary to set up a separate centralised agency for the purpose.

Census of Small Scale Industries Units

8220. **SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a country-wide census of small-scale industrial units through the various State Governments is under way; and

(b) if so, the purpose behind this census?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) Preliminary planning to hold a country-wide census of small-scale industries units, has been undertaken.

(b) The main objects of the census are:—

- (1) To prepare a National Register of Small-scale Units.
- (2) To enable policy management in respect of inter and intra