

mining of backward areas of the country so that the per-capita income of the people should form the basis of the totality of backwardness; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). The question of identifying backward areas on the basis of per capita income has been considered from time to time. This criterion is considered a relatively more reliable basis for ranking areas from the point of view of level of development. That is why it has been adopted as one of the criteria for distributing Central assistance between States during the Fourth Five Year Plan. The application of this indicator for intra-state backwardness is, however, not possible at this stage since, at present, comparable estimates of per capita income for lower level units such as regions and districts are not available. The Planning Commission has suggested a set of 15 indicators for consideration of the States which were laid on the Table of the House in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 8704 answered on 9-5-1973.

**Rape of an Adivasi Woman in  
Banswara District, Rajasthan**

9526 SHRI KARTIK ORAON Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a rape case of an Adivasi woman by five constables in Banswara District of Rajasthan in recent past; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). Facts are being ascertained from the Government of Rajasthan.

**Expenditure on Industrial Development in Fourth Plans**

9527. SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent for industrial development in the country during the Five Year Plans; and

(b) the net return out of the capital outlay on account of the industrial development?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) The total investment in equity capital and long term loans in the Central Government undertakings, other than departmental projects, amounted to Rs 5571 crores at the end of 1972-73 (equity capital accounted for Rs. 3065 crores and long term loans Rs 2506 crores).

(b) The profit for the year 1972-73 after providing for depreciation, but before payment of interest and taxes amounted to Rs 243 crores, giving an overall return of 5.1 per cent on capital employed. After payment of interest and provision for taxation, the net profit amounted to Rs 1985 crores which works out to 0.4 per cent of the effective capital employed in production.

**Regional Development Authorities for  
Hilly, Tribal and Backward Areas**

9528. SHRI KARTIK ORAON. Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up Regional Development Authorities for the hilly, tribal and backward areas of the country under the direct control of the Prime Minister; and