

(c) The matter is under discussion in a Committee of the National Council set up under the Joint Consultative Machinery. The report of the Committee will be considered by the Government as soon as it is received.

Ancillary Industries around Public Sector Undertakings

7354. SHRI DHAMANKAR:

SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concentrated efforts are being made to streamline ancillary industries around public sector undertakings so as to create more employment potential;

(b) whether any areas have been identified, techno-economic survey undertaken and time-bound programme drawn up to see where more ancillaries can be set up on a priority basis; and

(c) what is the capital-labour ratio at present per employee on the total investment in the public sector undertakings and whether the development of ancillary industries around the public sector undertakings will have the desired effect of diluting the ratio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) Government have decided to utilise the potential of ancillary industries for promoting regional economic development and increasing employment opportunities. For this purpose the Central Government Industrial Undertakings have been directed to sub-contract as many items as possible to ancillary units. The instructions require the main units to take the following action so as to implement a time bound plan of developing ancillary units:—

(i) the setting up of Ancillary Development Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive,

(ii) appointment of full-time Ancillary Development Officer of senior status,

(iii) identification of items which could be produced in the ancillary sector and provision of technical as well as material assistance to the small scale entrepreneurs.

(iv) contracting for a guaranteed off-take of atleast 50 per cent of the production of the ancillary unit and conclusion of long-term contracts, and

(v) constant liaison with the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries.

(b) Some of the important areas identified for production in ancillary units are fabrication, machining, lathe work, forgings, metal gratings, electrical and mechanical components, tools and gauges, instruments, valves, fasteners, containers and packing materials, safety equipment, etc. The main units have undertaken techno-economic survey in relevant areas and drawn up project proposals for the ancillary units. These efforts, which have to be undertaken on a continuous basis, have resulted in establishment of about 140 ancillary units in a period of 2 years.

(c) The investment per employee works-out to about Rs. 70,000. The farming out of items to the ancillary units would undoubtedly go to reduce the capital structure of the main unit and increase the employment potential of the industry.

Assistance to Small Scale Industries from World Bank

7354. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team from the World Bank is currently visiting India for

the study of problems of Small Scale Industries here and if so, when is the team likely to formulate its recommendations;

(b) whether as a result of the study any assistance is likely to be made available by the World Bank for the development of small scale industries in India and if so, to what extent; and

(c) how will Government ensure the meaningful utilisation of the World Bank assistance to small units?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN).

(a) A World Bank team had recently visited India to identify a project for which World Bank Group assistance could be made available for Small Scale Industries in the country.

(b) and (c). The report of this team is not yet available and as such it is not possible to anticipate the extent of any assistance which may be forthcoming.

Modernisation of Textile Industry during the Fifth Plan

7355. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether faced with a huge gap between demand and indigenous availability of cotton textile machinery, Government have decided to go slow with the programme of modernisation and to concentrate on the setting up of additional capacity for the textile industry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the estimated requirement of textile machinery for modernisation and expansion during the Fifth Five Year Plan recommended by the Task Force on Textile Industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Task Force on Textile Industries has estimated the requirement of machinery for modernisation and expansion of the cotton textile industry during the Fifth Plan at Rs 1,250 crores at 1973 prices

Import of Fertilisers through M.M.T.C.

7356 SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI:

SHRI RANA BAHADUR SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: :

(a) the names of the countries with whom Government have decided to go in for larger imports of fertilisers, particularly from the rupee-payment countries, during 1974, and

(b) the names of the countries with whom Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has concluded contracts and the quantity of fertiliser that has been decided to be imported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Amongst the Rupee Payment countries larger quantities of fertilisers are proposed to be imported from USSR, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and German Democratic Republic. A statement showing details of the contracts concluded by the MMTC so far with various countries is attached.