

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI T. A. PAI): (d) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 80 per cent of the outlay for Central and Centrally-sponsored schemes in the draft 5th Plan has been provided for schemes for the development of industries in backward areas, relating to Backward Area Development Programme, Rural Industries Projects, Rural Artisans Programme, Appropriate Technology and Branch Small Industries Service Institutes.

(c) and (d). With the assistance of an Expert from the International Labour Organisation, preliminary studies have been completed for development of entrepreneurship and small scale industries in 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. Further in-depth studies are being taken up through the State Governments for assessing the resources and demand in these districts for development of entrepreneurship and small scale industries in the rural areas of these districts.

Replacement of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices by a Commission

179. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, with an Industrial Prices Commission on the lines of Agricultural Prices Commission; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI B. P. MAURYA):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Functioning of various Institutions propagating Gandhian Philosophy and Programmes

180. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have demanded an inquiry into the functioning and affairs of a number of institutions started to propagate Gandhian philosophy and programmes;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into complaints of mis-utilisation of funds and receipt of money from foreign sources by these institutions; and

(c) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI OM
MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Enquiries are in progress.

Super Thermal Station in Eastern Region

181. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether site selection for Super Thermal Station in the eastern region have been made; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF.
SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to establish a super thermal station, in the Central Sector, at Farakka.