

required machinery for preparatory and post-spinning stages, and the industry has taken advantage of this facility.

Small Scale Industries in Punjab

406. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 295 on the 16th August, 1963 and state the steps since taken by Government for the full supply of materials like pig iron, hard coke, sheet, wire and non-ferrous metals for the small scale industries in Punjab?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): There is a general shortage of raw materials particularly iron and steel and non-ferrous metals. Equitable distribution of available supplies is made to all State Governments. The position in this regard is the same all over the country and every State is getting only a portion of its requirements. The difficulties of the small scale units are mainly due to the increased demand owing to expansion and setting up of new units.

Seamless Tubes Factory in Punjab

407. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 263 on the 16th August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Central Government on the Punjab Government's proposal to set up a Seamless Tubes Factory in Punjab; and

(b) if not, when a decision is likely to be taken?

The Deputy Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). The Central Government have approved the Punjab Government's proposal for setting up an industrial undertaking for the manufacture of seamless steel tubes.

Industrial Extension Service in Punjab

408. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale units benefited by the Industrial Extension Service in Punjab during 1962-63 and 1963-64 so far; and

(b) the amount of grant or loan given to them for development during the same period, year-wise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). A statement is as under:

STATEMENT		
() Nature of assistance rendered to small scale units	No. of parties benefited	
	1962-63	1-4-63 to 30-9-63
(i) No. of parties given technical assistance	3743	2505
(ii) No. of parties given information to start new industries	2426	572
(iii) No. of parties given other assistance	3604	2996
(iv) No. of factory visits paid to render on-the-spot advice	4143	2117

(b) During 1962-63, a loan of Rs. 59.00 lakhs was given to the State Government under State Aid to Industries Act. The amount of loans which the Centre will give to the State Government for 1963-64 will be determined towards the end of the year in accordance with the existing procedure.

Training in Small Scale Industries

409. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons from Punjab sent abroad by Government for training in the Cottage and Small