

(d) Yes, Sir. 414 items have been shifted from restricted to SIL list of Imports.

(e) The above step has been taken with a view to replacing discretionary control with adequate tariff protection. Free access to inputs is likely to help in augmenting production and would generate surplus for exports.

[Translation]

Loan and Grant to KVIC

3729. SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the industries which were granted loans by Khadi and Village Industries Commission to set up small scale industries in Satna and Katni districts of Madhya Pradesh during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the budgetary provision made by the Commission for the above period and the expenditure incurred against the budgetary provision;

(c) the details of amount of loan and grant provided by the Commission for Rural Employment Generation Programme in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether KVIC propose to promote the handloom based industries in view of the adequate number of weavers in Satna district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) The number of units for which Grants and Loans were provided by Khadi and V.I. Commission (KVIC) to set up Village industries in the District of Satna and Katni are given in the statement enclosed as annexure :

(b) The budgetary provision made and expenditure incurred for 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as under :

Year	Budget Financial	Expenditure Financial
1997-98	73.00	0.78
1998-99	30.00	15.72
Total	103.00	16.50

(c) The details are given as a part of reply to Part (a) above.

(d) and (e) Under KVIC Act, weaving activity on handlooms with handspun yarn comes under Khadi. Weaving of mill made yarn is out of scope of the KVIC. In Satna district, 225 persons are engaged in the Khadi Sector.

Statement

(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Year	Name of Industries	No. of Units Setup	Financial Loan	Assistance Grant
1.	1997-98	Bricks Mfg.	01	0.22	0.09
		Power Attachacki	01	0.28	0.11
		Stores repairing	01	0.26	0.09
Total			03	0.76	0.29
2.	1998-99	Hiring of sound System	01	0.36	0.14
		Repair of Electrical Goods	01	0.45	0.17
		Indian Sweets	01	0.47	0.18
		Dal mill	01	5.85	2.42
		Avala prity	01	2.55	1.75
		Cycle Repair	01	0.63	0.24
Total			06	10.31	4.90

[English]

Rourkela Steel Plant

3730. DR. SUGUNA KUMARI CHELLAMELLA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rourkela Steel Plant has been modernised;

(b) if so, the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the time by which the company will start making profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) The various facilities under modernisation project of Rourkela Steel Plant, except Reheating Furnace No. 5, have progressively been commissioned and are under stabilisation.

(b) The total amount spent till February '99 is Rs. 4255 crore (provisional)

(c) Financial Performance of the company is dependent on internal as well as extraneous factors. While the benefits of modernised facilities would materialise in phases, Plant has to absorb higher capital related costs because of capitalisation of modernised/capital schemes and also for