

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SICK INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the sick and closed industrial units in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh as on March, 2004;
- (b) since when these units have been closed fullen sick alongwith reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of workers rendered jobless following closure of these units; and
- (d) the financial assistance given to the workers working in these units by the Union Government and the steps taken by Government for revival of these industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): The data on closed industrial units in the country is compiled by Labour Bureau, Shimla, Ministry of Labour. As per information received from the Labour Bureau, total number of units closed in the country during 2003 are 111 (P) and workers rendered jobless are 7885 (P). The number of units closed during 2003 in Andhra Pradesh are 2 and workers rendered jobless are 78. During 2003, the first unit in Andhra Pradesh was closed on 9.6.2003 rendering 54 persons jobless and the second unit was closed on 12.8.2003 rendering 24 persons jobless. Financial stringency and lack of demand for products were the main causes of closure of these two units. Total units closed in the country during 2004 (January to May) are 49(P) and workers rendered jobless are 6758 (P). During the year 2004 no unit has been reported as closed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as on March. (P = Provisional)

(d) The Government of India has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units in the country which, inter-alia, include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, etc.