

(v) Need to clear the proposal of Karnataka Government for establishment of Mini Tool Rooms projects at Hubli and Harihar in Karnataka.

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ (TUMKUR): Under the guidelines of Government of India in respect of the Centrally sponsored scheme of 'Mini Tool Rooms' projects costing up to Rs.17 crore each would be considered by the Government of India in the Ministry of Industry, Department of SSI, by way of financing 90 per cent of the cost of plant, machinery and equipment for the projects. The State Government is required to bear the expenditure towards cost of land and building and 10 per cent cost of the plant, machinery and equipment.

Under this scheme, the Karnataka Government's proposal for approval of the above two 'Mini Tool Rooms' at Hubli and Harihar, Karnataka had been submitted to the Development Commissioner (SSI), Department of SSI, Agro and Rural Industries, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi in June, 1998.

A revised project which was submitted to the Government of India vide letter, dated 22-7-1999 is still pending with them.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to kindly approve the project at the earliest so that work on these projects could be started by the Government of Karnataka without further loss of time.