

Title: Need to formulate an industrial development policy for Jammu region.

SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA (JAMMU): Due to militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, industrial growth in Jammu region also is severely affected. Besides having comparatively safer security scenario than Kashmir and linked with railway line with rest of the country, attention is not being paid to improve the industrial growth in Jammu region, though raw material is available in the region in abundance. As the Government is aware, people of Jammu and Kashmir are facing turmoil for the last more than 15 years under unfortunate circumstances. Industrial growth in the region will help in creation of employment opportunities in the Private Sector for unemployed youth in the State and also in building the confidence measures for bringing back the misguided youth of the State in the main stream and will erase any further alienation of the people from the main stream.

I urge upon the Government to formulate a policy to encourage industrialise to set up their industries in Jammu region by giving subsidies/incentives and ensure industrial growth in the region.