

*[English]***Assistance through LIC**

1572. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance given for the water supply schemes and sewerage projects in the country, particularly to backward areas of Uttar Pradesh by Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation and other financial institutions during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Caste dominated areas benefited through this assistance, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

KVIC in Swadeshi Mela

1573. SHRI NADENDLA BHASKARA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industry Commission has recently participated in the Swadeshi Mela held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of stalls put up for displaying its products;

(c) the response of the public received as a result thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the participation in the Mela has helped in the growth of KVIC?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has participated in the Swadeshi Mela held in New Delhi from 25th January to 30th January, 1999 alongwith its aided institutions as well as its departmental units. The KVIC was allotted 1,000 sq.m. of space in the Mela as main sponsor. A total of 70 stalls were put up by the KVIC and its institutions/departmental units.

(c) and (d) As reported by the KVIC, quite a large number of visitors including VVIPs, VIPs, Press representatives Foreign dignitaries, school children and Government officials have visited the Mela. The total sales

effected during the Mela was Rs. 10 lakhs approx. and the number of trade enquiries received was around 165.

Closed Cement Units of CCI

1574. SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN :
SHRI AMAN KUMAR NAGRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cement units closed during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken for revival of Charkhi-Dadri Cement factory;

(c) whether workers of closed cement units have been properly compensated, particularly Surajpur (ACC) and Charkhi-Dadri of CCI cement factory;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Only Bhupendra Cement Works, Surajpur, a unit of the Associated Cement Companies Ltd. in Haryana was closed down during the last three years.

(b) Production in the Cement Corporation of India unit at Charkhi Dadri has been suspended on account of its economic unavailability. Cement Corporation of India as a whole has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for examining the feasibility of revival of its various units.

(c) to (e) Information on compensation being paid to workers is not maintained centrally.

Grants to Gujarat under PMRY

1575. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants allocated to Gujarat under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), district-wise;

(b) the details of youths benefited in the State from such grants; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the Yojana by increasing the funds to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, the Government of India allocates physical target (in terms of number of youths to be assisted) to States/UTs. The district-wise allocation of target is done by the respective States/UTs. The Government of India assists by way of funds for subsidy, training, contingencies etc. The funds for subsidy are released to the Reserve Bank of India to be passed on to individual beneficiaries through implementing banks. The funds for training, contingency etc. are released to the State/UT Governments who in turn make district-wise allocation on the basis of district-wise targets. However, the bulk of the project assistance comes by way of loan from banks for the identified youths.

(b) As per the reports received from the Reserve Bank of India, 30500 youths were disbursed loans by banks for the last three years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98.

(c) The allocation of funds to States/UTs is linked to allocation of targets to States/UTs. Gujarat has been allocated target under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana based on the norms for allocation of targets being followed for States/UTs.

Mining of Diamonds

1576. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of mines where diamonds are mined in the country;

(b) the total production of diamonds in the country during the last three years;

(c) whether any new sites have been identified for mining of diamonds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the terms and conditions on which the mines have been given to private parties for mining purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) Production of diamond is reported from the following mine in the country:

State/District	Name of Mine	Name of Owner
Madhya Pradesh Panna dist.	1. Majhgawan	M/s National Mineral development Corporation Limited.

Besides the mine owned by M/s National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is also giving licences for shallow mining over an area of 7.5m x 7.5m to individuals on yearly basis for exploitation of diamond in alluvial and conglomerate beds in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Production of diamond in the country during the last three years is given below:

State	Qty. in carats						Value in Rs.'000	
	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99 [@]		Qty.	Value
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
Madhya Pradesh	31,836	220329	31018	171830	26683	141822		

[@]Relates to April to December, 1998.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Geological Survey of India, they have located a few kimberlite pipes, the source rock for diamond in the States of Andhra

Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Some of the pipes are diamondiferous and the exploration is in progress. These are: