

[Shri M. Arunachalam]

ance for the rehabilitation of potentiality viable sick units. The Government of India would contribute Rs. 5 crores towards this fund in 1987-88 and the IDBI would provide a matching contribution towards this.

The Small Industries Development Organisation under the Development Commissioner for Small Scale Industries has taken up a programme of rehabilitation of about 1,067 units all over the country during the current financial year and specific targets have been given to the Small Industries Service Institutes. Training programmes for officials and entrepreneurs are also being organised in order to improve their managerial skills.

Industrial sickness has to be constantly monitored as it undergoes both qualitative and quantitative changes over a period of time. A detailed study regarding the causes of sickness was carried out by the RBI in 1979. As this study has become too old, the Government have asked the RBI in March 1987 to undertake a fresh survey of industrial sickness which is expected to cover about 2,000 units in the large and medium scale sectors.

Government is thus fully aware of the gravity of the problem of sickness and have taken appropriate steps to tackle the problems. The fresh study which the RBI will be undertaking is sure to be useful to the Government in determining the further course of action. The Government would continue to make similar efforts in future to contain the problem of industrial sickness.

18.10 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[English]

Fortieth Report

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND

CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): I beg to present the Fortieth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

18.11 hrs.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION—Contd.

[English]

Sick Industrial Units—Contd.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: Dr. Chinta Mohan.

(Interruptions)**

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I cannot allow anyone else. This is Half-an-Hour discussion. Only the Members whose names are on the list can be allowed. The rule is like that. I cannot allow that to go.

AN HON. MEMBER: Our demand is different.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That cannot come during this Half-an-Hour discussion.

Dr. Chinta Mohan.

DR. CHINTA MOHAN (Tirupathi): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am happy that the Minister has given a lot of facts on behalf of the Government. He has also been trying to inculcate a lot of industrial culture which has not been in practice for such a long time. He is a young Minister and has been doing it very nicely.

However, in spite of the efforts of the Minister, the island of unemployment today in spite of forty years of independence is being washed away by the ocean of poverty. Ninety-nine per cent of our people are not able to take two square meals a day. That is the situation.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please come to the points to be replied by the Minister.