

(b) if so, the action taken on that recommendation; and

(c) if no action was taken, the reasons for not implementing the Report and whether it is proposed to implement it now?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Urban Centres/Regions

386. SHRI RAM SAGAR (SAIDPUR): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the urban centres/regions identified for developmental inputs pursuant to the recommendations made by the Task Force and the National Commission on Urbanisation appointed in 1975 and 1985 respectively;

(b) the steps taken to develop the centres/regions so identified;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). The Task Force appointed by the Central Government had given recommendations relating to the planned development of small and medium towns. The Task Force however, has not identified any specific regions or centres for development since this was not a part of the terms of reference.

Taking cue from the recommendations of the Task Force, developmental programmes for small and medium towns were

implemented beginning from the 6th Five Year Plan and continued during the 7th Five Year Plan.

The National Commission on Urbanisation submitted its Report in 1988 identified 329 towns as Generators of Economic Momentum and suggested that these GEMs should be considered for developmental purpose on priority basis. They have also identified 49 Spatial Priority Urbanisation Regions for developmental purpose.

In the course of the 6th and 7th Five Year Plans 380 small and medium towns were assisted under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Programme, out of which 157 towns are those identified by NCU. A sum of Rs. 143.62 crores was released by the Government of India to various State Governments for this purpose.

The nature of assistance to small and medium towns including towns identified by the NCU during the 8th Plan period would depend upon the nature and the size of the 8th Plan.

(c) and (d). No such proposal is pending with the Central Government.

[*Translation*]

Appointment of Agents by NTC for Supplies to Government Departments

387. PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR:
SHRI RAM PRASAD CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textile Corporation (NTC) and the NTC (DPR) Ltd. appointed agents for making supplies to De-