(c) The Government advertisements are issued to various categories of newspapers/ Journals keeping in view the publicity requirements and availability of funds and these are not intended to be a measure of financial assistance to newspapers/journals.

## Deployment and Strengh of Para-Military Forces

\*118. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in which army has been deployed to assist civil administration during the last five months, with period and purpose thereof; and

(b) the strength of para-military forces in the country, force-wise, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Army is deployed at the request of the State Govt. in aid of civil administration. The information from various State Govts. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Strength of the para-military forces in the country is as under:-

BSF		147 Bns.
CRPF	National	103 Bns.
ITBP	_	24 Bns.
Assam Rifles		31 Bns.
CISF	_	76000 officers and men (approx). It is not organised on Bn. pattern

## [English]

## Sick Small Scale Industries

\*119. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of small scale industries which are sick at present, State-wise;
  - (b) the reasons for their sickness;
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to revive the sick units; and

(d) whether the rehabilitation plan is being implemented properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KA-MAL MORARKA): (a) Data on sickness are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. Latest data regarding sick small scale industrial units are available upto December, 1988. The number of sick small scale industries, State-wise is given is the Statement below.

(b) A number of causes, both internal & externa', often operating in combination, have been responsible for sickness in the small scale sector. Some of the identified major causes of sickness in the small scale sector