

Growth of Small and Tiny Unit

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to promote and encourage the growth of small and tiny units, Government proposes to prepare a long-term perspective plan;

(b) if so, the details of the perspective plan; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). Considering the special characteristics of small and tiny units in (i) producing industrial produce in a short gestation period; (ii) creating large employment opportunities at relatively low capital cost; (iii) dispersal of industrial activity and (iv) expanding the base of indigenous entrepreneurship, successive Five Year Plans have accorded due importance to them in the overall development of the economy. Special measures have been taken to promote and encourage the growth of small and tiny units. The programmes of the Central and State Governments for the development of small and tiny industries are generally promotional in nature and public sector outlays have been provided for catalytic purpose. As a major policy initiative to give further boost to small, village and agro based industries the Government have set up a new Department for Small Scale, Agro and Rural Industries. Government have established Small Industries Development Bank of India, for meeting the long standing demand of small and tiny units. The policies and programmes for the promotion and growth of small and tiny units are reviewed,

from time to time, keeping in view the emerging needs.

Dulhasti Hydrel Power Project

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dulhasti hydel power project on river Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir was estimated to cost Rs. 130 crores in 1980 which was revised to Rs. 498 crores in 1986 and to Rs. 1263 crores in 1989;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a stupendous rise in the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether some extraneous considerations had influenced the project, if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the exact amount of assistance for Kawas project extended by the World Bank and the interest incurred thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Dulhasti Hydrel Power project in Jammu & Kashmir was initially approved in November, 1982 at an estimated cost of Rs. 183.45 crores, including interest during construction, at March, 1980 price level, based on indigenous execution of works with a construction period of 8 years. This cost did not include escalations, contingencies and liabilities on account of taxes and duties.

Keeping in view the acute power shortage in the country, the resource constraints and the need to induct latest techniques, including scientific project management techniques and to complete the project in a compressed time schedule, it was decided to implement the project through a foreign