

LPG refill cylinders are being supplied each month to the consumers in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Recently a temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported from a few locations in Madhya Pradesh due to distributors' problems. Steps have been initiated to solve these problems. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure regular supplies to the consumers.

#### **Reservation of Commodities for Village Cottage Industries**

6217. SHRI PALAI K. M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a phased programme to reserve commodities exclusively for the village cot-

tage industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further steps Government propose to protect and encourage small industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is already a provision of 836 items reserved for production in the small scale sector. This includes commodities manufactured in the village and cottage industries sector also. There is, however, no proposal at present to reserve commodities exclusively for village & cottage industries.

(c) For the promotion and development of small, village and cottage industries, the following facilities have been provided;

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- (1) Provision of funds at low rate of interest.
  - (2) Subsidy towards interest.
  - (3) Rebate on sale of Khadi and Polyvastra.
  - (4) Purchase preference to village industries products.
  - (5) Excise and Customs Duty exemption.
  - (6) Preferential treatment in regard to supply of raw material.
  - (7) Assistance for Research and Development products.
  - (8) Assistance in marketing products.
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#### **Railway Line Between Unnao and Bachhravan**

6218. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a rail line between Unnao and Bachhravan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?