

First of all, there is no licensing at all. As far as registration is concerned, we have not allowed it for the manufacture of mats at all in this particular thing. I can assure the hon. Member that we would not in this matter be affected by any political lobbying which would damage the handloom industry.

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: The import of mat machines has been done under the guise of coir goods manufacturing machines. The mat machines could not be imported. It was the Coir Board Secretary who corrected the records of the licence and allowed the import of this machinery. May I, therefore, ask the hon. Minister whether the Government will take action against the Coir Board, Secretary who corrected the records of the licence and take immediate action against him and stop the working of the machines for ever?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: As far as the import of the machinery is concerned, the machines not being allowed to work is equal to having not been imported at all. As regards the action to be taken against 'X' 'Y' 'Z' is concerned, I have already informed the other hon. Member and I would inform the House also that the whole matter is under consideration and we will take a decision very soon in the matter.

भाण्डारा को औद्योगिक दृष्टि से पिछड़ा हुआ जिला घोषित करना

*349. श्री केशवराव पारधी : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने सिफारिश की है कि भाण्डारा जिले को औद्योगिक दृष्टि से पिछड़ा हुआ जिला घोषित किया जाए ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhandara district of Maharashtra State has been declared as industrially backward to qualify for concessional finance facilities from the financial institutions.

The State Government had made a request to the Central Government to select *inter alia* five blocks of Bhandara district to qualify for the 15 per cent Central Investment subsidy Scheme which could not be acceded to as this does not fall within the declared policy as enunciated by the Planning Commission and accepted by the National Development Council Committee.

श्री केशव राव पारधी : अध्यक्ष महोदय जैसा माननीय मंत्री जी ने बतलाया कि योजना आयोग और राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् की घोषित नीति के अन्तर्गत यह नहीं आता है लेकिन मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इस जिले के बारे में राज्य सरकार की काफी वर्षों से मांग है । यह काफी पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है, आदिवासी लोग यहाँ पर रहते हैं इस लिए क्या 15 प्रतिशत की केन्द्रीय सहायता दिए जाने के बारे में गंभीर विचार करेंगे ?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The State Government, in fact, has already used its discretion once when the industrially backward districts to qualify for the Central subsidy were identified. At that time, the State-wise allocation of the number of districts were given. The criteria were given to identify the industrial backwardness of the districts in the country. 247 districts were identified as backward districts. Out of them, 101 backward districts were identified for the Central subsidy. The Maharashtra Government, the then State Government at that time, did use its discretion to select the number of districts and areas allotted to them. At that time, the State Government had already used its discretion. Now, if at all there is

any change, the Sivaraman Committee to which they have already sent a recommendation, would give the decision by the end of the year.

श्री केजय राव पारधी : माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि राज्य सरकार ने पहले जिन जिलों के बारे में लिखा था, उनको घोषित किया गया है, लेकिन राज्य सरकार ने बाद में जब विचार किया कि महाराष्ट्र के 26 जिलों कुछ और भी ऐसे एरियाज हैं जिनको घोषित करना आवश्यक है, तब उन्होंने इसके लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को लिखा। क्या उनके बारे में कोई विचार किया जायेगा ?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The hon. Member would appreciate that once the State Government identifies districts as industrially backward districts, the question arises whether the districts should keep on changing with the change of times or with the change of circumstances or not. For any change thereafter, a Committee has already been formed and the whole thing is being considered. Their request is already with them. It is not with the Ministry of Industry. It is with the Sivaraman Committee which is considering this matter. I would request the hon. Member to wait for their verdict to come by the end of the year.

श्री जगद देव प्रसाद वर्मा : नारे राज्यों में पिछड़े क्षेत्र घोषित किए गए थे, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पिछड़े क्षेत्र घोषित करने का आधार क्या है और ये कितने खण्डों में बंटे हुए हैं ?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The Hon. Member has raised some basic questions and I shall reply to them. First of all, backward States were identified, and criteria fixed for that. Thereafter, industrially backward districts were identified. Thereafter the States were given a quota in the backward...

SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: What are the criteria?

MR SPEAKER: If it is too long, you can look it up; it is in the Report.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: I will give you the criteria. The criteria recommended by the Pande Working Group—these two Working Groups are working groups for identification of industrially backward States and Union Territories—are as follows:—

- (1) Total per capita income;
- (2) Per capita income from industry and mining;
- (3) Number of workers in registered factories;
- (4) Per capita annual consumption of electricity;
- (5) Length of surface roads in relation to (a) population, and (b) area of the State;
- (6) Railway mileage in relation to (a) population and (b) area of the State.

These are the criteria for the States.

Now I am coming to...

MR. SPEAKER: I don't think you should read out everything; they can look it up.

Now next question.

Halting of expansion of Major Industries in big cities

*351 SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to halt further expansion of major industries in cities like Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Kanpur, to stop influx of job seekers and subsequent creation of slums; and

(b) if so, what are the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). Under the existing locational policy for industrial licensing no new unit is allowed to be located within