

Problems of Development in Hilly States/Regions

*257. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government plan to organise a National Seminar on the potential and problems of development in hilly States/regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the recommendations or taken any decision on the deliberations of the First such National Convention sponsored by the All India Hill People's Welfare Association (Regd.) and inaugurated by the Prime Minister on the 25th April, 1975; and

(c) if so, the nature of the decision taken and the likely dates and scope of the proposed Second National Seminar?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the National Convention sponsored by All India Hill Peoples Welfare Association in 1975 have been circulated to the concerned authorities at the Central and State Levels. The primary responsibility for the formulation and implementation of the development programmes in hill areas is that of the respective State Governments. The Planning Commission have also noted these recommendations for adoption wherever feasible in the context of the sub-plans for the development of hill regions.

(c) In view of what is stated in (a) above, the question does not arise.

Criteria for Distribution of Raw Materials

*258. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have demanded for taking the installed capacity as the criteria for distribution of raw materials for the Cottage and Small Scale Units in the States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). A request has been recently received from the Government of West Bengal regarding distribution of Iron and Steel items to small industries wherein it has been suggested that the allotment of raw material to the small scale sector should be made on the basis of installed capacity. This suggestion is being examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Agencies

Manufacture of Fibre Glass Fishing Boats

*259. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is manufacturing fibre glass fishing boats at present;

(b) if so, their annual turn-over; and

(c) the basic raw materials for moulding process in manufacturing fibre glass fishing boats?

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

(b) The annual turn-over is estimated at around Rs. 65 to 70 lakhs.

(c) The basic raw materials for moulding process in manufacturing fibre glass fishing boats are fibre glass and polyester resins.