there may be a few difficulties in the beginning which we are trying to streamline.

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SHRI DHAMANKAR: May I know whether Government has received complaints that while distributing imported material, small scale units are neglected and big units are given preference?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: There are quite a few representations from the small scale sector about the availability of raw materials. It is precisely this point that we are taking care of especially through the Internal Raw Material Assistance Centre—IRMAC—attached to the S.T.C. and we are giving facilities to the small scale sector.

Scheme for Compulsory Export of Engineering and Chemical Items

*165. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: SHRI RAM SHEKHAR PRA-SAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to extend the scheme for compulsory exports to Engineering and Chemical Units;
- (b) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken; and
- (c) to what extent it will help the export of Engineering goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA):
(a) and (b). A scheme of compulsory export obligation under the Actual User policy already in operation includes some engineering and chemical industries. The question of extending the scope of compulsory exports is under consideration.

(c) While any strengthening of the present scheme would be calculated towards augmenting the exports, an assessment of the extent thereof would not be possible at this stage.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: May I know whether Government has taken any steps for the modernisation of textile mills and, if so, to what extent the foreign exchange has been sanctioned for the import of capital equipment to the exporting mills, what are those mills, and whether some exporting mills of Orissa have not been given any amount for this purpose and, if so, what are the reason?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Sir, the Question pertains to Engineering and Chemical industries. It seems the hon. Member is more interested in textile industry. I do not know whether this is covered by the question.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: May I know from the hon. Minister as to under the actual-users policy how many engineering and chemical industries are operating in the country and what are the States?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: There are many industries but as regards industrial units category-wise, the figures are not readily available. There are 59 industries of which 12 have been selected under actual-users policy and the minimum export obligation for them is 5 per cent of their production.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: In view of the hon. Minister's statement, as I have seen in papers a few days ago, that three free trade zones have been created in the country. Bombay, Dum Dum and Madras and that in those free-trade zone areas, the engineering and chemical industries will be set up, may I know whether all the produce from those free-trade zone areas will be exported compulsorily and, if not, what is the policy of the Government thereto?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: So far a_S free trade zone areas and the industries to be located therein

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are concerned, their compulsory obligation will be cent per cent.

SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI: May I know from the hon. Minister whether our public sector units manufacturing engineering equipments are able to meet the requirements of our industrial units?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: It is a relative question. In our self-reliant economy, even in some cases where the whole of our internal demands are not met, we have to export a part thereof. The percentage that we are insisting for export is only 5 per cent. I am sorry to say that even 5 per cent requirements has not been fulfilled by many units.

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE: May I know from the hon. Minister whether his Ministry has received any complaint that the engineering goods exported to other countries are found to be out-dated by three or four years. If this is the nature of complaint received in his Ministry, what measures has this Ministry adopted to make the engineering goods exported up-to-date?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: I do not know of any specific complaint. But one can imagine when thousands of commodities of different categories are annually exported, there cannot be completely complaint-free export performance record.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HAL-DER: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government propose to give subsidy to encourage exports of engineering and chemical items.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Yes, Sir. We are already giving a lot of subsidy, the details of which I can forward to the hon. Member if he is interested.

SHRI KILISHNA CHANDRA HAL-DER: Yes, I am interested. Proposal to Declare Ujjain, Gwalior, Mandu (Dhar) and Shivpuri Districts of Madhya Pradesh as Tourist Centres

*166. SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI:

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

- (a) whether Government propose to declare the historical and cultural places of Ujjain, Gwalior. Mandu (Dhar) and Shivpuri Districts of Madhya, Pradesh as Tourist Centres in the Central Sector and if so. when; and
- (b) the extent of foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL SAROJINI AVIATION (DR. MAHISHI): (a) No specific list of tourist centres is maintained, as the development of places of tourist interest is a continuing process related to the attractions they offer. Madhya Pradesh, during the Fourth Plan, facilities for tourists are being provided in the Central Sector at Khajuraho. Bhopal. Kanha-Kisli National Park, Sanchi and Dewas.

(b) Foreign exchange earnings from tourism are estimated on an all-India basis and not on a State-wise or placewise basis.

भी हुकम चन्द कछवाय: प्रध्यक्ष महोदय, प्रश्न में पूछा गया था कि उज्जैन, ग्वालियर, मांड् (धार), शिवपुरी को पर्यटक स्थान घोषित करने के लिये सरकार का विचार है क्या लेकिन उसके सम्बन्ध में कोई उत्तर सरकार की ग्रोर से नहीं मिला। जो स्थान ग्रापने बताये हैं उन स्थानों पर कितना खर्चा ग्रापकी ग्रोर से किया जायेगा ग्रीर मैंने जो