

(a) the extent to which major programmes of Development are being affected by the expenditure on Bangla Desh, and

(b) whether schemes to increase employment opportunities in the country will be affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATISTICS IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) Expenditure on Bangla Desh has not affected the availability of financial resources for the plan as originally envisaged

(b) No Sir

Low Pace of Industrial Development of Rajasthan

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the tempo of industrial activities in Rajasthan is low and if so the reasons therefor, and

(b) the role of the Central Government in accelerating the pace of industrial development in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUJ HAQUE CHOUDHURY) (a) and (b) While in comparison with other States Rajasthan has been identified as relatively backward by the Working Group on Identification of Backward Areas set up by the Planning Commission, the industrial activity in the State itself has not shown a declining trend. The tempo of industrial activity has picked up as a result of gain from the contribution to the total State income of the industrial sector which was Rs. 65.22 crores in 1954-55 and rose to Rs. 167.77 crores in 1965-69. During the year 1971-76 industrial licences including 5 for new units and 31 letters of intent were issued as against 7 industrial licences and 8 letters of intent in the year 1970.

Out of the 26 districts in the State 16 have been selected for concessional finance from Central financial institutions and 2 districts, namely, Alwar and Jodhpur, have been selected for the grant of 10% Central Government Subsidy.

Infrastructure facilities in the State are being upgraded. Among the letters of intent issued recently 2 are for scooters, 2 for tractors, other licences were issued for the manufacture of ban.saw, plastic machines and semiconductor devices. A team drawn from the Central financial institutions has carried out an industrial survey of Rajasthan and has submitted its report to the State Government indicating the lines in which industrial activity can be stepped up. Certain specific areas where industries may be developed have been indicated by the team. It is expected that the State Government will take up earnestly the implementation of this report.

Expansion of Private Sector Industries

*137 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether expansion of 43 private sector industries has been allowed recently,

(b) if so, which are those industries, and

(c) the reasons for permitting expansion therein?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUJ HAQUE CHOUDHURY) (a) to (c) With a view to stepping up production and making fuller utilisation of the installed capacity, Government have decided that in respect of the 54 specified industries (a list of which is laid on the Table of the House) [Placed in Library Sec. No. IT 1520 72] industrial undertakings whether in the public or private sector, other than those belonging to the Larger Industrial Houses and foreign companies which were licensed registered on single or double shift basis will be allowed to increase their production on the basis of maximum utilisation of such capacity and in other cases they would be permitted to expand their production upto 100% over and above their licensed registered capacity provided certain conditions are satisfied. For undertakings belonging to Larger Industrial Houses and foreign companies this facility will not be available as a matter of course. They will have to apply specifically to Government and their applications will be considered by a Task Force constituted for this purpose. These concessions will not be available to industrial undertakings engaged in industries reserved for the small scale sector.