

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A major thrust of the new Industrial Policy is on effective promotion of cottage and small industries. Legislative measures for giving protection to and encouraging the growth of small scale, village and cottage industries are under the active consideration of Government.

Bread Manufactured by Britannia Bread Manufacturing Co.

*415. **SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reserved the bread manufacture to the small sector and banned the big Industrial Houses from expansion or setting up of new units in this sphere;

(b) if so, whether the fact has been brought to the notice of Government that in Delhi the Britannia Bread Mfg. Co. with a sanctioned capacity of 170 thousand bread per day was manufacturing in November 1978. 320 thousand breads per day;

(c) whether Government are also aware that 4 small units in this field with a sanctioned capacity of 50 thousand bread per day could produce only 10 thousand per day during the same period due to excess production by Britannia Co.;

(d) whether the Delhi Administration has given permission to manufacture more breads to Britannia Company in September, 1978.

(e) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps Government intend to take to protect the interest of the small sector in this field?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (f). Manufacture of bread has been reserved for exclusive development in the small scale sector. Where large scale units, whether belonging

to Large Houses or not, are already engaged in the manufacture of items reserved for the small scale sector, there will ordinarily be no expansion in their capacity nor will they be permitted to set up new units.

(b) Government do not maintain production figures of bread by numbers. According to the information furnished to the DGTD, M/s. Britannia Biscuit Manufacturing Co., manufactured about 30,088 tonnes of bread during the year 1978. The Company is being advised to apply for a C.O.B. licence and its maximum production capacity will be determined in the light of Government policy on the subject.

(c) Government have no information in this regard.

(d) No permission was accorded by the Delhi Administration to M/s. Britannia Biscuit Company to Manufacture more bread in September 1978.

(e) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् द्वारा स्वीकृत राज्यों को सहायता संबंधी कार्यवाही

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श्री के० लक्ष्मण :

क्या योजना मंत्री निम्न जानकारी दर्जाने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 24 और 25 फरवरी, 1979 को हुई राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् की बैठक में राज्यों को वित्तीय सहायता देने हेतु कोई आर्बटन फार्मुला राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकार किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो विभिन्न राज्यों को अलग-अलग कितनी सहायता दी जा रही है और वित्तीय वर्ष 1979-80 तथा छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के बीच चार वर्षों के दौरान राज्यवार कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी जाएगी; और

(ग) केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा आयोजित योजना के अन्तर्गत कितनी सहायता दी जाएगी ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ. ब. लक्ष्मण) : (क) से (ग). राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् की 24 और 25 फरवरी, 1979 को हुई बैठक में यह निर्णय किया गया कि विशेष समस्याओं से सम्बन्धित त

मापवृद्ध के भलावा माचगल कार्मुले में ललषारलत कलए गए वलवलत मापवृद्ध के आषार पर ऒवले ऒार वषी के ललए राज्य ऒोजनाओ के ललए उपलब्ध कुल केन्द्रीय सहायता में से 1800 करोडू २० वलशेव ऒेणी के राज्यो के ललए आरकलत रडे जाने ऒाहलले, 600 करोडू २० राज्यो की वलशेव सलस्याओ के ललए आरकलत रडे जाने ऒाहलले ऒौर 4200 करोडू २० वलशेव ऒेणी से इतर 14 राज्यो के ऒीच में वलतरलत कलए जाने ऒाहलले । यह ऒी नलरुण कलया गया कल केन्द्रीय आओजलत स्कीओ में कुल आओधनी को करके आलासे ऒार वषी में ऒी जाने ऒाली 2000 करोडू २० की राकल को हरेक राज्य की आय ननयोजलत कुल जनसंख्या (आ० स० कु० अ०) के आषार पर, आरुथलत जनसंख्या आरुा गुणलत राज्य की प्रति वलकलत के वललुओ के आषार पर, वलशेव ऒेणी से इतर 14 राज्यो के ऒीच में वलतरलत कलया जाना ऒाहलले । इसके भलावा, पहलढी ऒौर जनजातीय ऒेवओ के ललए, उत्तर-पूरुवी परलवदू के कारुयकन के ललए, ऒौर वलढेडी सहायता आरुत स्कीओ के ललए ऒी अतरललत केन्द्रीय सहायता ऒे जा रडेो हँ ।

अवशलषुट केन्द्रीय आओजलत स्कीओ के ललए केन्द्रीय सहायता का स्वरूप नलषलत कलया जा रहा हँ । केन्द्रीय सहायता के राज्यवार वलतरण को आओ तक आरुतलत रूप नही वलया गया हँ ।

Encouragement of Small Scale Industries

*417. SHRI KANWAR LAI, GUPTA:

SHRI G. NARASIMHA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what specific steps have been taken by Government to encourage the small scale and cottage industries in the country;

(b) how many such new industries have been actually opened and started manufacturing in the last 20 months and how many such industries were opened in the corresponding period before the Janata Party took over;

(c) will government set up a Committee to study this problem and to see that the small scale industries are set up in large number at the earliest; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES). (a) The specific measures taken by the Government to encourage small scale and cottage industries are, setting up of District Industries Centres, reservation of a large number of items for exclusive production in the small scale sector, concessions in Central Excise levy in respect of specified items, provision of credit at concessional rates of interest, marketing assistance to products of small scale and cottage industries, etc.

(b) While in full two years of 1975 and 1976, 43965 new units were registered in the country, in the next two years i.e. 1977 and 1978, 57846 new units were registered. This shows an increase of 31.5 per cent over the total registration during 1975 and 1976.

(c) and (d) It is not considered necessary to set up any committee. Government have already initiated a number of measures and programmes including setting up of Advisory Committees at the District, State, Region and National levels for reviewing the progress of development of small scale, cottage and village industries through the District Industries Centres. Small scale and cottage industries are set up by small entrepreneurs and the Government's role at the Centre and in the States is a promotional one to see that all possible assistance is given to such entrepreneurs.

Production of Salt

*418. SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of salt at present is sufficient for our country; and

(b) whether incentives are given for those who produce salt privately?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.