

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme for rural/backward areas is being implemented by the Central Government all over the country under which IID Centres (estimated cost Rs. 5.00 crores) are set up to provide basic infrastructural facilities for small/tiny units. The project cost is shared between Government of India and SIDBI in the ratio of 2:3 (4:1 for the North East Region). The Central Government share is in the form of grant and that of SIDBI as loan. The cost in excess of Rs. 5.00 crores and cost of land is borne by the concerned States/UTs. Two IID Centres have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh, one at Village Bhamla in District Mandi (Project Cost: Rs. 490.00 lakhs sanctioned on 11.12.1995) and the other at Village Guwalthai in District Bilaspur (Project Cost: Rs. 4320.00 lakhs sanctioned on 06.05.1997).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government could not implement the IID Centre sanctioned for District Mandi so far due to land acquisition problems. The developmental work relating to IID Centre in District Bilaspur has already commenced and is in progress.

Promotion of Small Scale Industry

†5014. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached between India and America to promote small scale industries;

(b) if so, when and the names of the industries likely to be promoted; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government are considering to promote the small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with the Export-Import Bank of the United States on March 24, 2000 for co-operation on financing for Indian Small and Medium Enterprises, Information Technology and other enterprises, seeking to purchase US goods and services.

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