

(ii) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare 112 counselling centres, 44 de-addiction centres and 10 After-care Centres have been set up in States and Union Territories for providing counselling, de-addiction and after-care services to the drug addicts.

(iii) Financial assistance is also provided to voluntary organisations for undertaking awareness building programmes for drug abuse.

Financing- of Handloom Industries by small scale Industries Development Bank of India

*229. SHRI PRAGADA KOTA-IAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Scale Industries Development Bank of India is financing the handloom industry;

(b) if so, what are the schemes to finance the handloom industry in the private and co-operative sectors at present; and

(c) what are the other projects being financed by the Bank and the details of the schemes for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) extends refinance assistance to eligible bank and state level institutions towards the term loans granted by them for the purpose of setting up handloom and hand-operated weaving, reeling and spinning units.

(b) Refinance assistance, generally under the Composite Loan Scheme, is available for the private and cooperative sectors. The Composite Loan Scheme envisages the sanction of

equipment finance or working capital or both, upto a limit of Rs. 50,000 at a very concessional rate of interest in villages and small towns with a population not exceeding 5 lakhs.

(c) SIDBI provides assistance under its Refinance Scheme to eligible banks and state level institutions in respect of their term loans to artisans and to village and cottage industries in the Tiny Sector and to other units in the SSI sector. Assistance is available for setting up new units, or for the expansion, diversification, modernisation and rehabilitation of existing small industries. Projects which cost upto Rs. 300 lakhs are eligible for refinance assistance from SIDBI. SIDBI also provides direct assistance for setting up of sales outlets, showroom facilities, office equipment, sales vans and margin money for working capital. Direct assistance is also available to State Industrial Development Corporations, State Infrastructure Development Corporations, for all industrial area development projects costing upto Rs. 300 lakhs covering the cost of land, laying of roads, the provision of water, power and sewage connections and for common facilities like telexes and telephones.

New Education Policy and Ram Murthy Committee Recommendations

*230. SHRI SOM PAL:
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MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the differences and common points between New Education Policy and the recommendations made by the Ram Murthy Committee;

(b) what is the percentage of GDP spent on education at present; and