

Subsidy for development of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh

2853. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently announced 25 per cent subsidy for the development of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of India, in March, 1987, approved a scheme of the Coir Board for extending financial assistance for promotion of new coir based units and also for renovation/modernisation of existing units in the brown fibre sector. To accelerate the pace of development of brown fibre sector, the scheme was amended in June, 1988 to provide for financial assistance upto 25% on graded basis.

National Blood Policy

2854. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various experts are suggesting for bringing forward of a "National Blood Policy" to arrest spread of blood related infections and diseases; and

(b) what is Government's reaction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI RASHEED MASOOD : (a) and (b) The Government have launched a scheme for strengthening and modernisation of blood banks with

the objective to augment the availability of blood and blood products, ensure safety of blood by establishing adequate testing facilities and safeguards in collection, storage, and transportation of blood, and promoting the rational use of blood by establishing facilities for component separation and blood fractionation in a phased manner. The scheme envisages:-

(i) augmentation of voluntary blood collection through motivation, education and publicity;

(ii) establishment of testing facilities for ensuring quality of blood collected and transfused;

(iii) upgrading blood banks in the Government sector in a phased manner;

(iv) development of man-power;

(v) Establishment of blood component separation facilities.

Revival of Central Investment subsidy scheme in Gujarat

2855. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the Gujarat Government to reintroduce Central Investment Subsidy Scheme which was discontinued from 1-10-1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that subsidy was discontinued in respect of the seven backward districts of Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme was discontinued w.e.f. 1-10-1988 for all backward districts

in the country. Governments of Several States/UTs including the Government of Gujarat had requested for extension of the scheme beyond 1-10-1988. However the Central Government decided not to revive the scheme mainly on account of financial constraints.

Joint Sector Companies

2856. SHRI YASWANT SINHA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) Which are the approved joint sector companies and what are the names of their respective private promoters;

(b) what are the joint sector companies from which the State undertakings withdrew, leaving the company entirely for the private sector;

(c) What are the joint sector companies in which at least one of the private promoters is and MRTP Company and how many of such joint sector companies have been registered under the MRTP Act ;

(d) what are the joint sector companies in which foreign companies are direct/indirect share holders; and

(e) In how many cases formation of the joint sector company helped in strengthening the Market dominance of the private promoter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to (e)

There is no provision under the Companies Act, 1956 relating to the concept of joint sector companies. Also the requisite information relating to these companies are not compiled centrally in the Ministry of Industry.

Oil Exploration Plans For Andhra Pradesh

2857. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state : (a) Whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to intensify oil exploration in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Plan Period; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the Draft 8th Plan (1990-95), it is proposed to carry out 7,400 line Kilometers of 2D seismic surveys and 360 Sq. Kms. of 3D Seismic surveys by departmental parties. In addition, contract seismic surveys for about 2,000 line Kilometres are also planned. Exploratory drilling is expected to be of the order of 300,000 metres and about 90 wells are expected to be drilled during the VIII Plan.

अरोड़ा बंधुओं द्वारा कारों हेतु पेट्रोल के स्थान पर एल० पी० जी० के प्रयोग के संबंध में क्रांतिकारी खोज

2858. श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटिल क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि खान मार्केट, नई दिल्ली के अरोड़ा बंधुओं ने ऐसी तकनीक की खोज की है जिस के द्वारा मोटर कारों में पेट्रोल के स्थान पर रसोई गैस का इस्तेमाल किया जा सकेगा, जैसाकि दिल्ली में प्रकाशित 17 अगस्त, 1990 के "सान्ध्य टाइम्स" में समाचार छपा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार अरोड़ा बंधुओं की इस क्रांतिकारी खोज को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है तथा क्या वह भविष्य में पेट्रोल की बजाय रसोई गैस में चलने