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| 32. | Uttarakhand | 10962 | 19270 | 3840 |
| 33. | Uttar Pradesh | 51123 | 56652 | 27240 |
| GRAND TOTAL : | | 595451 | 975651 | 255070 |

Forest based micro/small industries

†2404. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has held a discussion with Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Labour and Employment with regard to making packages of forest based micro/small industries in the forest villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any assessment/survey has been conducted about its utilization for the development in Scheduled Tribe areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has held on discussion with Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Labour and Employment with regard to making packages of forest based micro/small industries in the forest villages. Industrial Potential surveys for MSMEs are conducted by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Institutes in their jurisdiction, with, *inter alia*, include tribal areas. Under PMEGP financial assistance is provided for setting up of micro enterprises costing upto Rs. 10 lakh in the service sector and Rs. 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector. The assistance is provided in the form of margin money subsidy upto 35 per cent for the beneficiary belonging to weaker sections including tribal population (25 per cent in case of general category) of the project cost in rural areas. The own contribution of the beneficiary belonging to weaker sections including tribal population is 5% of the project cost while it is 10% in the case of general category.

Broad-gauge connectivity to Amreli

2405. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken to provide broad-gauge connectivity to Amreli and the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): A survey for gauge conversion of Khijadiya-Amreli-Visavadar-Junagarh (132.2 km.) has been taken up which is likely to be completed by December, 2010.

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