

Submission of Plans by Rajasthan Government

362. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans submitted by the Rajasthan Government to the Central Government under the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR RAHMAN): (a) The Rajasthan Government proposed an outlay of Rs. 2902.46 crores for their Sixth Five Year Plan (1978-83),

(b) The proposals of the State Government are being discussed by them with the Planning Commission, and decisions on the plan size and sectoral outlays for 1978-83 will be taken shortly.

Development of backward areas of Rajasthan

363. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have so far taken for the development of the backward hill areas of Rajasthan under the Sixth Five Year Plan and what is the amount allocated for this purpose in the annual plan for the current year; and

(b) whether Government have approved any scheme for the development of backward hill areas of Udaipur district; if so, what is the amount allocated for the purpose and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR RAHMAN): (a) and (b). The plan investments in the hill areas of Rajasthan are decided by the State Government. The State's Draft Five

Year Plan did not indicate specifically the extent of such outlays, either for hill areas generally, or for Udaipur district in particular. It is also not possible to estimate immediately the likely outlays in the 1979-80 plan on these areas. The National Development Council had identified certain hill areas in the States where additional funds should be allocated for special programmes. The hill areas of Rajasthan, were not included among these.

Public undertaking units in industrially backward area

364. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes in regard to the setting up of public undertaking units in the industrially backward areas of the country; and

(b) what is the number out of them which are proposed to be set up in the backward areas of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The location of central public sector industrial units is decided on the basis of broad techno-economic considerations. It is the policy of the Central Government that subject to these techno-economic considerations, comparatively backward regions are given preference in the location of central projects.

(b) According to Draft Five Year Plan (1978-83), the Government of Rajasthan proposes to set up a Leather Development Corporation and a Mineral Development Corporation, whose activities will cover the backward areas of the State also. In addition to the expansion of the State Tannery at Tonk, the Rajasthan State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation has plans to set up woollen mills at Laxmangarh, Reengus, Bhilwara and Barmer.