

sufficient in number and not properly located;

(b) what is the number of such centres alongwith their location state-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more centres at better places with a view to streamlining the machinery for procurement of jute direct from the growers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A statement nidiiciating the number of departmental purchase centres set up by the Jute Corporation of India location-wise, state-wise is enclosed. (See appendix CVIII, Annexure No. 18).

It is felt that increasing the number of DPCs will enhance the overheads of Jute Corporation of India and make the prices of jute procured by it non-competitive. The Corporation is, therefore, making earnest attempt to procure larger quantities directly from the growers through the Agency of co-operatives.

District Industrial Centres

171. SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States in which District Industrial Centres have been established so far and the location and the number of such centres; and

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of the functioning of these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) 246 District Industries Centres have been sanctioned in 22 States and 6

Union Territories so far. The names of the States and Union Territories in which these Centres have been sanctioned together with the names/location of the District Industries Centres are given in the statement. (See Appendix CVIII, Annexure 19).

(b) Yes, Sir. The States/U. T. Governments were requested to furnish physical progress made by the DICs in their States/UTs by the end of January, 1979. The information has been received in respect of 116 District Industries Centres from 16 States and 2 Union Territories. The data received from 116 reporting District Industries Centres has revealed that the average number of entrepreneurs identified per DIC is 313, 85 project profiles have been prepared in each DIC. The average establishment of new units per DIC works out to be 197 and the number of units granted registration comes to 259. The average additional employment generated in a DIC is 688. Credit Assistance/Seed Money Assistance/Cash Subsidy per DIC comes to Rs. 30.69 lakhs, Rs. 0.48 lakhs and Rs. 5.05 lakhs respectively. The number of sick units assisted per DIC is 83 and assistance has been provided to 296 units in a DIC. The Progress is considered satisfactory.

Deaths of Harijans and Adivasis in the country

172. SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths of Harijans, Adivasis, and other tribal people due to atrocities committed on them during the last six months, month-wise, State-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the details of the action Government have taken against the persons involved in committing these offences?