

pine based), (ii) Spinning Mill, (iii) Cement factory, (iv) Khandsari Sugar Mill and (v) Corn flake & starch factory.

f (b) Central assistance is allocated to States for the Plan as a whole on the annual Plan basis and not by projects/schemes/programmes. The Central assistance is disbursed by the Ministry of Finance in block loans and block grants according to the expenditure incurred by the State Governments in relation to the overall outlays approved by the Planning Commission. in the annual Plan of a particular year. For the first year of the Fifth Plan i.e. 1974-75, an outlay of Rs. 104.40 lakhs (Rs. 45 lakhs) for "large & medium industries" and Rs. 59.40 lakhs for "village & small scale industries" was initially agreed at the time of annual Plan discussions;

Loktak Hydro-Electric Project

739. SHRI I.T. SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Loktak Hydro-Electric Project is proposed to be commissioned according to the scheduled date;

(b) if so, by when this project will start functioning; and

(c) the details of the work so far completed in the project and by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHANTHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first unit of 35 MW is expected to be put in commercial operation by the end of August, 1976.

(c) The details of work so far completed are given below :

(i) Ithai Barrage : Has been substantially completed.

(ii) Power Channel : About 83% of the excavation for the power channel and 25 % of the work for cement concreting have been completed.

(iii) Tunnel and Surge Shaft : About 25% of work on the excavation of the tunnel and 13 % of work of concreting the tunnel has been completed. Surge shaft excavation and concreting has been completed.

(iv) Penstocks and Valves : About 20% of erection of penstocks for Unit I has been completed.

(v) Power House : The excavation of Power House and concreting of Unit portion including fixing of embedded parts have been completed.

The first Unit of 35 MW is likely to be commissioned by the middle of 1976 and the second and third units in 1977-78 and 1978-79 respectively.

Government efforts to check growth of fake industrial units

740. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister Of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased, to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in consultation with State Governments propose to plug loopholes to check the growth of thousands of fake small scale industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) : (a)

and (b) According to data available so far from the census of small scale industrial units recently carried out, 10 per cent of the total number of registered units covered in the census were found to be not traceable. Updating this data will help in elimination of units which are not traceable. Efforts are being made to ensure that the data collected already are kept up-to-date.

Unemployed Scientists

741. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent Press report to the effect that total number of 2.26,000 scientists are unemployed in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to provide employment to them and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI T. A. PAD) : (a) The Government have seen the Press Report.

(b) The Government have constantly been striving to generate employment for qualified Scientists and Technologists etc. and a list of measures taken is attached.