

merit opportunities and consumption i
patterns for the prospective entrepreneurs*

(ii) Develop data bank for providing
information in respect of :

- (a) investment opportunities and
financial resources required ,
- (b) facilities available for obtaining
loans ;
- (c) selection/modernisation of
processes and equipment;
- (d) facilities available for the
purchase of equipment;
- (e) product development;
- (f) availability of raw materials; and
- (g) market opportunities, sales
promotion and marketing.

(iii) Undertake techno-economic
feasibility studies either on behalf of
prospective or existing entrepreneurs or on
behalf of financial institutions.

(iv) Assist the entrepreneurs in securing
loans on the merit of feasibility reports.

(v) Assist the entrepreneurs in re-
payment of loans in the minimum possible
time by helping them in improving their
enterprise level productivity through
periodical visits.

(vi) Assist the small scale industries in
training of workers in specific trades and
supervisory and managerial personnel in
techno-managerial subjects.

(vii) Assist the existing enterprises in
improving their enterprise level
productivity through training and
consultancy services.

(viii) Assist the new and existing
enterprises in market studies and sales
promotion.

A provision of Rs. 45.00 lakh has been
proposed for this scheme under the Fifth Five
Year Plan proposals of the Ministry of
Industrial Development. These proposals are
still under consideration of the Planning
Commission.

Coir Industry

*398. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHAN :

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA
MENON:

Will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that
mechanisation is causing large scale
unemployment in the coir industry; and

(b) if so, the number of persons rendered
unemployed as a result thereof and the steps
Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C.
SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) and (b) A statement
is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There is no mechanisation which is
causing large scale unemployment in the coir
industry; however, the use of locally
fabricated husking machines in some areas of
Kerala is causing unemployment to some
extent.

(b) The exact number of persons, rendered
unemployed as a result of the use of husking
machines is not known; however, if
mechanical dehushing is introduced in all
areas on a wider scale, it may cause
unemployment to the extent of 85% of the
workers now engaged in the beating of husks
for extraction of coir fibre. Kerala
Government have prohibited use of these
machines in 3 Districts of Kerala.

*399. [Transferred to the 22nd August,
1973.]

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इकाइयाँ

*400. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या
औद्योगिक विकास तथा विज्ञान और औद्योगिकी
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान देश में