

ment opportunities and consumption 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 repayment 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