

of tribal areas as the size of the present Tribal Development Blocks is too small for implementation of major economic development programmes and larger units based on the concept of area development are necessary for ensuring integrated development of these areas. There are also small pockets of tribal concentration throughout the country which require special attention for their development. The problem of development of these pockets will be taken into consideration while detailed multi-level planning is done in each State. The cooperative marketing and organisational structure in tribal areas would be strengthened for minimising exploitation of the tribals by the intermediaries.

725. [Transferred to the 15th May, 1973].

**FOREIGN COLLABORATION IN THE
MANUFACTURE OF TYRES**

726. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have sought Czechoslovak collaboration for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes by the State owned Trivandrum Rubber Works, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**DEMAND FOR TREATING EASTERN REGION
AS ONE UNIT FOR INDUSTRIALISATION**

727. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand for treating the State and the union territories in the eastern region as one unit for industrialisation has been made in the third regional workshop for young engineers and educated unemployed held recently at Patna;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to implement such measures?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir, except that the inaugural address to the participants of the Third Regional Workshop held at Patna on 12th March, 1972, contained a suggestion that the Eastern Region should be considered as one unit for the purpose of accelerating the pace of industrialisation.

SHORTAGE OF CABLES

728. SHRI SUHRID MULICK CHAUDHURY:

SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of cables in India and the Hindustan Cables Factory at Rupnarayanpur is not in a position to meet the growing demand;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to expand the existing Cables Factory at Rupnarayanpur; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the details of the expansion programme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): -(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Company have taken up a Scheme for expansion of their capacity for Dry Core Cables from 3200 to 8000 Kins. They are also implementing a scheme for copper coated steel wire for an annual capacity of 2500 tonnes. The Company have also taken on hand a scheme for manufacture of Type 174 Coaxial Cables. The Unit is also implementing a scheme for augmentation of the cable manufacturing capacity by setting up a new factory at Hyderabad for another 5000 Kms. of cables. The Company are also considering proposals for further expansion during the 5th Plan period.