RURAL INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN MYSORE

746. SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUS-TRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of loan given so far to the State of Mysore under the rural industrial project and the total number of industrial units set up in that State Under this scheme; and
- (b) the total number of such units proposed to be set up in that State during 1973-74 and the amount allotted by the Central Government for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). 48 ·01 lakhs by way of Loans were released to the Government of Mysore during the period 1962-63 to 1972-73. 1,311 industrial units were assisted financially or otherwise for starting new ventures and for expanding the capacities and production in the existing Rural Industries Projects in the State by the end of March, 1972.

For the year 1973-74 a provision of Rs. 1.75 crores as loan and Rs. 1.00 crores as Grant for Rural Industries Project Programme for the entire country has been made.

The allocation of funds for 1973-74 to the State is under consideration. Number of units to be assisted under the programme during 1973-74 will depend on the quantum of loan assistance to be provided by the Central Government to that State, credit facilities to be available from financial institutions and the entrepreneurs own funds available for investment.

747. [Transferred to the 11th May, 1973]

WORKING OF THE OFFICE OF SURVEY OF INDIA

748. SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER: SHRI G.R. PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unhealthy rivalry between civilian and military personnel in the office of Survey of India;

- (b) the reasons for which the post of the Surveyor-General has not been filled for more than a year; and
- (c) what measures Government propose to take to ensure the efficient working in the Survey of India office.

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

- (b) Does not arise. The post of the Surveyor General of India has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Hari Narain, Director National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad on and ad interim basis. However, the question of filling up the post on a regular basis is under the consideration of the Govt.
- (c) The Committee on Organisation of Scientific Research (Bhagvantam Committee) who looked into this aspect have made a number of recommendations for the reorganisation of the Survey of India, which are under examination.

TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS FOR MADHYA PRADESH

- 749. SHRI BALRAM DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Madhya Pradesh State Government have sent to the Central Government proposals for opening of sixty-five new Tribal Development Blocks;
- (b) if so, what action therefor has been take so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible to sanction these Blocks during the Fourth Plan in view of financial stringency.

DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AREAS IN MADHYA PRADESH

- 750. SHRI BALRAM DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any scheme has been received from Madhya Pradesh Government regarding supply of drinking water, irriga-