

SHORTAGE OF RAW MATERIAL

1581. SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of raw material required by the Small Scale Industries in the State of Mysore;

(b) if so, the number of Small Scale Industries which are closed for want of raw material in that State, and what steps are being taken by Government to meet this shortage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) There is a general shortage of certain raw materials in the country which is being experienced by actual users including those in the State of Mysore.

(b) Information regarding number of small scale industries which are closed for want of raw materials is being collected.

Efforts are being continuously made to enhance the allocation of raw materials for small scale industries depending upon their availability.

REQUEST FROM STATES FOR RECASTING AID FORMULA

1582. SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA GOWDA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have urged the Centre to recast its aid formula; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No modification in the existing criteria for allocation of Central assistance to States as approved by N.D.C. is contemplated during the Fourth Five Year Plan. In relation to the Fifth Five Year Plan, a view has yet to be taken on the principles which should govern Central assistance to States.

SETTING UP OF A DISTILLERY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1583. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a distillery in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, its production capacity and whether the product will be sold in India or will it be exported to foreign countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

1584. f *Transferred to the 20th December, 1972.*]

OUT GOING MAIL

1585. SHRI JAGAN NATH BHAR DWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for stopping of stamping on out-going mail;

(b) if so, from whom the suggestion was received;

(c) the details of the suggestion made in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon ?