

provisions. However, Government of India has financed certain special items such as the Commemorative Stones to be installed in every block.

**New TECHNIQUE FOR PRODUCING  
LEATHER GOODS**

739. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state whether a new technique for producing attractive leathers and leather articles from rejected goat and sheep skins has been developed by its Central Leather Research Institute, Madras, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) The Central Leather Research Institute (CLR1), Madras has developed two processes for utilising defective skins. One process is "Tie and dye", otherwise known as "Bandhi" process, by which leathers made from such skins are given multi-colour effects for making fashionable items like hand bags, pouches, garments, slippers etc.

By the other process, screen and block printing is done on rejected leathers which not only cover the defects on the leathers but also give them an attractive look.

Both the leathers can be produced in the small scale as well as in the large scale sectors.

**NEW AID NORMS FOR SMALL SCALE SECTOR**

740. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Science and Technology be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce certain new aid norms for small-scale sector by changing the existing pattern of assistance, and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the extent to which the small scale sector is likely to be benefited thereby ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**CRI nil' FACILITIES FOR POWERLOOM WEAVERS'  
COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, KERALA**

741. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request to make available credit to the Powerloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies under the Reserve Bank of India Scheme for Finance had been received from the Kerala Government, and

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The General question of extending the Reserve Bank Scheme for Handloom Finance to the Powerloom sector is still under consideration.

742. [Transferred to the Ifilth August, 1972]

**उद्योगों का पंजीकरण**

743. श्री बिन्देश्वरी प्रसाद सिंह : क्या औद्योगिक विकास मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में राज्यवार कितने बड़े, मध्यम और लघु उद्योग पंजीकृत हैं और उनमें कितने व्यक्ति रोजगार में लगे हैं ?

**f [REGISTRATION OF' INDUSTRIES**

743. SHRI BINDESHWARI PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of registered huge, medium and small scale industries, in the country Statewise and the number of persons employed therein ?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-

**औद्योगिक विकास मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (प्रो० सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।**

MENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.]

tf] English translation.