

are designed to protect the region from the ravages of flood and to improve the economy of the rural ;irca by providing assured irrigation over extensive areas. An extensive subewell irrigation scheme has been put into effect in this area by the Government of Bihar.

(v) One Pilot Intensive Rural Employment project has been taken up in Musahri Block of Muzaffarpur District ; the estimated outlay in 1972-73 is Rs 10 lakhs.

Eastern U. P.

(i) The Government of U. P. have allocated an amount of Rs 220 crores for the Plan schemes in operation in Eastern U. P. for the Fourth five Year Plan period as a whole. Annual outlays are being provided within this total Fourth plan allocation from year to year.

(ii) A small Farmers' Development Agency is in operation in Pratapgarh District. A Small Farmers' and Agricultural Labourers' project has been set up in Ballia District. A Drought-prone Areas Programme has been taken up in the districts of Banda, Allahabad, Varanasi and Mirzapur.

(iii), The districts of Ballia, Banda, Faizabad, Ghazipur and Pratapgarh have been selected for concessional finance from public financial institutions for the purpose of accelerating the pace of industrial development. Out of these districts, Ballia has been selected for Central subsidy of 10% of fixed capital investment.

It has since been decided to increase the coverage of the Central Subsidy scheme. The Central Government will give an outright subsidy of 10% of the fixed capital investment to industrial units in 6 selected districts/areas (in place of 2 districts originally envisaged) in each of the 9 States including Bihar and U. P. identified as industrially backward. Further, the limit of the fixed capital investment for the purpose of Central subsidy will not be restricted to the units having a fixed capital investment of Rs. 50 lakhs only but will also be extended to those units having a fixed capital investment of more than Rs. 50 lakhs subject to the subsidy limit of Rs. 5 lakhs.

TAKING OVER OF MYSORE ACETATES AND CHEMICALS, MANDYA

720. SHRI H.S.NARASIMHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased, to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have agreed to the State Government's proposal for taking over of the Mysore Acetates and Chemicals, Mandya ; and

(b) whether it will result in better coordination between the Centre-owned Hindustan Photo Films in Ooty and this acetate industry ?

111. DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MANUFACTURE OF LAMBRETTA SCOOTER IN LUCKNOW

721. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY : SHRI SHY AMLAL GUPTA:

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

(a) whether Innocenti, an Italian firm, the Government of India and an Indian collaborator have signed an agreement for the manufacture of Lambretta Scooter in Lucknow :

if so, the details of the agreement :

(c) what are the considerations in support of selecting a particular Indian firm for collaboration : and

(d) the reasons for having the project in the joint sector instead of public sector ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement provides for acquisition, for a sum of about Rs. 1.5 crores, of the entire scooter manufacturing plant of M/s. Innocenti at Milano, Italy, on "as is where is" condition, together with the drawings, designs and technical data for the manufacture of the latest models of Lambretta scooters. A company with an authorised capital of Rs. 10 crores will be incorporated for undertaking the manufacture and sale of Lambretta scooters. The Government of India will hold 51% shares of the proposed company, M/s. Innocenti about 20% and the balance 29% of the shares shall

be contributed by M/g. Automobile Produces of India Ltd., and the general public.

(c) and (d) Government will have 51% share-holding in the proposed company and, therefore, the project will actually be in the public sector. However, Government have decided to associate M/s. Automobile Projects of India Ltd. and M/s. Innocenti in the project for the following reasons :

(i) The present proposal has emerged out of an initial proposal submitted by M/s. Automobile Products of India Ltd. who have been manufacturing Lambretta scooters in collaboration with M/s. Innocenti of Italy for the last 10 years or so, that they should be permitted to purchase the entire manufacturing facilities of the Italian firm on "as is where is" basis and to set up these facilities in India to manufacture 100,000 scooters per annum.

(ii) Participation by the Indian firm and the Italian firm will bring to the project the benefit of the experience of both of them in management and production techniques and result in the speedy implementation of the project.

VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION TO VILLAGE BARSARA

722. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he visited Ghazipur during June, 1972, and

(b) whether he attended a reception meeting arranged by a notorious criminal of U. P. at his house in village Barsara and that tin-said host was wanted in several police cases ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER M. I. S. ACT

723. SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHOWDHURY: SHRI MONORANJAN ROY : SHRI NIREN GHOSH : DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to said Question

No. 258 given in Rajya Sabha on the 18th. May, 1972 and state :

(a) the number of persons who have since been arrested throughout India under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and Prevention of Unlawful Activities Act and what is their political affiliations ;

(b) how many of such persons are still in Jail ; and

(c) station-wise break up of such arrested persons .

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) So (c) A statement giving relevant information in respect of the period from the 1st May, 1972 to the 31st July, 1972, is attached. [See Appendix EXXXI Annexure No. 45]

APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN CALCUTTA

724. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January, 1969 to 30th June, 1972 ;

(b) the number of persons provided with new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January, 1969 to 30th June, 1972 ;

(c) the average waiting period for new telephone connections in trading sections and residential areas of Calcutta, respectively ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that experts have estimated that the new national economy growth factors would push up the telephone demand in Calcutta to well over 3 lakhs by the year 1973-74; if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to meet such a demand ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) A total number of 27,184 applications were received for new telephone connections in Calcutta from 1st January, 1969 to 30th June, 1972.

(b) 16,073 applicants were provided with new telephone connections during the period ;

(c) The average waiting period of new telephone connections in Trading Sections is 2