

about 13,000 were new units. An amount of Rs. 13.46 crores was invested in these units. The value of production during 1969-70 is estimated to be over Rs. 10.00 crores. Employment opportunities were provided for more than 1,15,000 persons. Training facilities in improved techniques of production were provided to 35,000 persons and Common Facility Services were given to more than 80,000 small industrial units by the end of 1970. Financial assistance amounting to Rs. 6.75 crores was provided to the units located in the project areas while credit facilities provided by the State Bank of India exceeded Rs. 2.30 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

The area of the existing projects is being extended to cover the entire districts; 5 more new projects are being taken up—one in Haryana and 4 in the Rural Electric Co-operative project areas of Karimnagar District in Andhra Pradesh, Junagadh District in Gujarat, Belgaum District in Mysore and Lucknow District in Uttar Pradesh. It is also proposed that during the successive Five Year Plan period 50 new projects during each Plan period would be undertaken beginning from the 5th Plan period. For this purpose 50 new districts are to be selected and the preliminary work of survey of industries, preparation of schemes etc. is to be taken up in the next two years in order that these may form 50 new projects to be activated from the beginning of the 5th Plan. It is hoped to cover the entire country under the Rural Industries Projects Programme within a period of 25 years beginning from the 5th Plan period.

SETTING UP OF TYRE PLANTS

35. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ *jfejtfn; fom* Heft be pleased to state :

(a) The names of States who have approached the Union Government for setting up of tyre plants in their respective states; and

(b) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ *thjftfaif, fairra j^rero «r gq»rat* (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) The States of Gujarat, the Punjab, Orissa, Tamil

Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have approached the Union Government for setting up of Automobile Tyre Plants in their respective States.

(b) Letters of Intent for an annual capacity of 3 lakh numbers each of automobile tyres and tubes, have been issued in December, 1970, to the State Industrial Development Corporations of the first five States mentioned above. The applications from the State Industrial Development Corporations of U.P. and Rajasthan are under consideration.

36. [Transferred to the 3rd June, 1971].

37. [Transferred to the 3rd June, 1971].

INVESTIGATION INTO WORKING OF BRITANNIA ENGINEERING COMPANY

38. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ *gfofPw* be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have ordered an investigation into the circumstances leading to the reduction in volume of production in M/s. Britannia Engineering Company Limited, Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details of the investigations made and what steps have been taken to remove the defects and to increase the production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ *^fir^ fj;^ n^Mit w zmeft* (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 15 of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 had appointed a Committee for making an investigation into the affairs of the Company under the Chairmanship of Shri S.M. Ghosh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industrial Development.

(b) The Committee submitted its report on 18th May, 1971. The report is under consideration.

INVESTMENTS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS

39. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ *^nf^ fil*m iffi* be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have formulated a proposal