

putes in connection with the introduction of the incentive scheme, most of the shops have now started responding to the scheme. The skills of workmen are also being improved through schemes of job training with the help of Soviet instructors. The supervision and progress and planning activities are also being streamlined to aid production.

(v) After a period of industrial unrest, agreements were entered into in May, 1970 with the two major Trade Unions operating in the company. All the major disputes have been resolved and the industrial climate has improved.

(vi) Great stress has been laid on streamlining the production planning organisation for regular flow of material from shop to shop.

SCHEMES TO REVITALISE RURAL INDUSTRIES

348. **SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :**

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PATEL :**

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SHRI J. P. YADAV :

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**SHRI SUNDAR SINGH
BHANDARI :**

SHRI PREM MANOHAR :

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have formulated schemes to revitalise rural industrial units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount allocated for the purpose and the reaction of the industrial sector in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). A number of steps have been taken by the Small Scale Industries Develop-

ment Organisation to augment the technical assistance to the units set up in the rural areas and greater attention is being paid to introduce improved machinery and equipment, supply of technical information and data and training of artisans in higher level of technology in different trades, setting up of common facilities centres and regional testing laboratories, etc. Mention may be made of the following programmes which have been taken up both for promotion and development of the industries in the rural areas :

1. Setting up of rural industrial estates;

2. Identification and development of growth centres;

3. Development of agro-industries;

4. Conducting of district intensive campaigns;

5. Rural industries projects; and

6. Scrutiny and technical assistance to States' schemes.

(c) For the development of small scale industries both in urban and rural areas during the Fourth Plan, a total outlay of Rs. 101.74 crores (Rs. 34 crores in the Centre and Rs. 67.74 crores in the States and the Union Territories) has been made. In addition, a provision of Rs. 18.5 crores has been made for the industrial estates, Rs. 4.5 crores for rural industries projects and Rs. 5 crores for subsidy to industries to be located in selected backward areas. The reaction of the industrial sector in this regard has been generally favourable.

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

349. **SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :**

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

**SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MUKHERJEE :**

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposed Small Scale Industries Commission has suggested by the Administrative Reforms