

are in production on limited scale owing to shortage of raw materials

(b) Some complaints were received by the Government, but on examination were found to be baseless.

INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

*713. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number and location of Industrial Estates proposed to be set up in the Third Five Year Plan in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): It is proposed to set up five Industrial Estates one each, at the following places in Himachal Pradesh during the Third Five Year Plan Period.

1. Mandi;
2. Chamba;
3. Bilaspur;
4. Nahan;
5. Chhoultu.

ENGINEERS' MEETING

*714. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Superintending Engineers, Additional Chief Engineers, Chief Engineer and Architects, was recently held under his Chairmanship;

(b) if so, what were the main recommendations made in the meeting; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The following action has been taken on each of the recommendations referred to in the statement.

(i) and (ii) Orders laying down a revised procedure have been issued.

(iii), (iv) and (v) These matters are receiving attention and orders are likely to be issued shortly.

STATEMENT

The following major recommendations were made by the Conference:

- (i) The existing procedure for accord of expenditure sanction leads to delays and should be revised.
- (ii) The administrative Ministries concerned should keep the Central Public Works Department supplied at all times with standing sanctions for a number of works against which expenditure could be incurred.
- (iii) The existing financial powers of Central Public Works Department officers are not adequate enough and should be enhanced.
- (iv) The Central Public Works Department should be strengthened by employment of additional staff at all levels.
- (v) Top priority should be given to repair of residences lying unoccupied in Delhi for want of repairs

DECENTRALISATION OF C.P.W.D. MINISTRY-WISE

*715. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to decentralise the Central P.W.D., Ministry-wise;