

squid, cuttle fish, packaged tea and coffee, fruits, coconut shells, snack items and mixed vegetables etc.

These SEZs have resulted in generating additional economic activity in the area as well as providing direct and indirect employment to the local population.

Improving level of industrialization in Bihar

1251. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar's industrial sector contributes only about 16 per cent to its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) as against 26 per cent for the national average;

(b) whether Government is considering any measures to improve the level of industrialization in Bihar by promoting public and private investment incentives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has taken various measures for improving the industrial growth in the country including Bihar. These measures include Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS); integrated Leather Development Programme (ILDPI); scheme for Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE); Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP); scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP); Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS); etc.

The Government of Bihar has a scheme for Integrated Development of Food Processing Sector in force. It has also announced the Industrial Incentive Policy, 2011, for next five years. The policy is effective from 1st July, 2011. Details of both the schemes are available on the website of the Department of Industry, Government of Bihar (<http://industries.bih.nic.in>).

Need for changes in administrative system to start new industries

†1252. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.