

Growth Centres

*552. SHRI SOBHANADREES WARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to speed up the implementation of growth centres to improve the non-farm employment opportunities in the wake of steady increase in the proportion of non-agricultural employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received suggestions from any agency/organisation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Under the growth centre scheme announced in 1988, it is proposed to develop 70 centres throughout the country. Steps are being taken to speed up the implementation of the growth centre scheme, which will give various benefits, including employment generation.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Capital Region Plan

*553. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :
SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Capital Region Plan has still remained a non-starter;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible for the same; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). The allocation of requisite resources has been a constraint. However, in the Eighth Five Year Plan, the N.C.R. Planning Board has an approved outlay of Rs. 200 crores as Central share in the State Sector on a matching basis which is a considerable step up compared to Rs. 35 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Development of Satellites

*554. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI :
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need of the indigenous development of satellite, in the country and to achieve self-sufficiency in the field of satellite launching technology;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(c) the time by which India is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in this field?