

strengthening the monitoring systems and for arresting industrial sickness at the incipient stage so that corrective measures are taken in time.

- (iii) The Banks have also been directed by the Reserve Bank of India to formulate rehabilitation packages for the revival of potentially viable units. The banks and financial institutions evolve rehabilitation packages for the revival of sick units.
- (iv) Reserve Bank of India have also issued guidelines separately to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units without reference to RBI both in the large and small scale sectors.
- (v) Government of India introduced a Margin Money Scheme with a view to supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in reducing the incidence of sickness in the small scale sector. Under the liberalised scheme the maximum amount of assistance per unit available to sick small scale units for rehabilitation has been increased from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

### **White Paper on Public Sector**

182. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the White Paper on Public Sector has been finalised by Government; and
- (b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be prepared and laid on the Table of the House?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO):** (a) and (b). White Paper on Public Sector is still under consideration of the Government and will be placed before Parliament as soon as it is finalised.

### **Use of Ethanol and Methanol with Petrol**

183. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to undertake the techno-economic feasibility of use of ethanol and methanol with petrol has submitted its report; and
- (b) if so, what are its findings?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):** (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

### **Investment and Installed Capacity of Biogas**

184. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether over one million Biogas plants have been installed in the country so far as against over 20 millions in China;
- (b) the total installed capacity for Biogas production year-wise during the last three years and actual production achieved;
- (c) whether there is any independent monitoring/evaluation set up exists and if so, its findings there of for the last three years;
- (d) what is the total potential of Bio-gas production in the country based on use of all