

[*Translation*]**Setting up of Industry in North-West Bihar**

196 SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for exploring the possibilities for establishing any large industry in the North West Bihar

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and

(c) the programmes for development of small scale industries in that area?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) Government of Bihar has got a survey conducted for exploring possibilities of setting up of large industries in North West Bihar

(b) According to the information furnished by the State Govt, there is potential for setting up bagasse based paper project, Industrial Alcohol, Acetic Acid and other down stream Molasses based industries and new sugar mills in that region of the State

(c) The development of small scale industries in a particular State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Government of India supplements their efforts by way of provision of institutional support and a package of incentives and concessions like concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support through reservation of items for exclusive production, reservation of items for purchase from small scale Units, supply of machinery on hire-purchase, technical consultancy services, testing facilities, common facility services, provision of industrial accommodation and other infrastructural facilities

**Gap between Demand and Supply of Power**

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the gap between the total demand and supply of energy in the country

(b) the efforts being made to bridge this gap and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make more power available in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) During the period April, 1989 to February, 1990, there was a shortage of about 7.9% of energy in the country

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T & D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas

(c) Priority is generally accorded in the matter of power supply to agricultural consumers with an assured supply of at least six to eight hours per day

**Conversion of Sivan-Thave-Chhapra M.G. Line and starting of Additional Train**

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