

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : The following provision has been made in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of roads in the Hindi speaking areas of PEPUSU:

(Rs. in lakhs)

State Plan	Central programme		Total
	National Highways	Inter-State Roads	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
51.28	5.00	17.74	74.02

Kannan Devan Hills Produce Co. Ltd.

1451. Shri V. P. Nayar : Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Travancore-Cochin Government has any plan for the nationalisation of the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Co. Limited; and

(b) the number of shares held in this company by Indian interests and the value thereof?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) This information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme

1452. Shri Ram Krishan : Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state the total amount of loans and subsidies sanctioned by the Government of India during 1956-57 for the construction of houses under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme, State-wise?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh) : A statement giving the requisite information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XII, Annexure No. 17].

Bicycles Exports

1453. Shri Ram Krishan : Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of bicycles in the country has exceeded the demand;

(b) whether bicycles are being exported; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries to which these are exported?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). A very small number of bicycles (including tricycles) were exported during 1954-55 and 1955-56 to Kenya, Philippines, Pakistan, Burma, Quatar & T. Oman, Iran, Ceylon, Trinidad & Tobago and Syria.

Mobile Vans for Sale of Handicraft Goods

1454. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given to States to run mobile vans for the sale of handicraft goods; and

(b) the total amount so far given to States and the number of vans?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) Yes.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1,40,500/- has so far been sanctioned to 5 State Governments for the purchase of five Mobile Vans.

Zari Industry

1455. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the steps taken for the development of Zari Industry at Bhopal and Bareilly (U. P.)?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : State Governments are primarily responsible for the development of cottage industries. Central assistance is granted to supplement the resources of the State Governments. The All India Handicrafts Board has been entrusted by the Central Government with the task of coordination and provision of common facilities for the improvement and development of these industries.

The Central Government have provided financial and technical assistance to the Government of Bhopal for the development of the Zari Industry. A sum of Rs. 3,620 was granted to State Government in 1954-55 for the establishment of a Zari Design cum Administration Centre. A recommendation made by the Board for a further grant of Rs. 5,680 is under consideration.