

(Economic Investigation/Statistics) to the post of Assistant Director (Grade II) (Economic Investigation/Statistics) on an *ad-hoc* basis out of which 3 have assumed charge till 4th December, 1980.

(b) and (c). There is no reservation for Scheduled Casts/Scheduled Tribes in *ad-hoc* promotions and, as such, the question of applying roster point does not arise in such cases. However, one of the *ad-hoc* promotees is from a Scheduled Caste.

(d) to (f). The vacancies of Assistant Director (grade II) have arisen on an *ad-hoc* basis and had to be filled up in that manner.

Backward Districts in Gujarat

4241. SHRI SHANTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) which backward district in Gujarat have been included in the Central List of backward districts ;

(b) if no, what are the reasons for not doing so ;

(c) whether Government intend to include Sabarkantha and Banaskantha Districts in the Central List of backward districts ; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA) (a) & (b) : The following 10 districts in Gujarat have been identified as industrially backward eligible for concessional finance and other facilities :—

Amreli, Banaskantha, Bhavnagar, Broach, Junagadh, Kutch, Mehssana, Panchamahals, Sabarkantha and Surendernagar.

Out of these 10 districts the following 3 districts have been further identified for benefit under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme.

Panchamahals, Broach and Surendernagar.

(c) & (d) : A National Committee on the Development of Backward Areas has been set up under the Chairmanship of Shri V. Sivaraman, former Member Planning Commission to *inter-alia* review the existing scheme of incentives to backward areas and to recommend the

criteria by which backward areas should be identified. Any change in the list of backward areas and pattern of subsidy will depend upon the decisions to be taken on the recommendations of this Committee.

Tours undertaken by Development Commissioner (SSI)

4242. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the total travelling allowance budget allocation for Head Quarters alone of SIDO in the past three years (upto October, 1980) ;

(b) how many days in a month the Development Commissioner (SSI) was out of Delhi on tour during last two years, the purpose of his tours and outcome of his visit *vis-a-vis* Senior Officers of SIDO available in all the States;

(c) how much has been spent on TA/DA of the Development Commissioner alone out of the total TA budget of the SIDO—Headquarters in the past three years (upto October, 1980) ;

(d) how many days out of his tours has DC (SSI) been to Hyderabad or near by areas and with what purpose :

(e) how many times the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries has been abroad and for what purpose and what was the usefulness of his foreign tours to the Organisation and the small scale sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA) : (a) The total Travelling Allowance Budget Allocation for Head Quarters of SIDO in the past 3 years is as follow :—

Year	Budget allocation for T.A. for Headquarters Office.
1978-79	. Rs. 3,00,000.00
1979-80	. Rs. 3,00,000.00
1980-81	. Rs. 2,50,000.00

(b) The Development Commissioner was on tour for 201 days during the last two years, i.e. average of 8.4 days per month.