

**Employment:** The revised targets as specified in the 'Appraisal and Prospects of the Second Year Plan' are likely to be realised.

(b) Effort is being made to raise the tempo of development in all sectors particularly agriculture in order to realise the targets set for the Second Plan. On present indications it appears likely that the actual total outlay may not fall appreciably short of the original plan outlay, though in real terms there might be a shortfall if allowance is made for changes in price. The measures so far adopted to raise agricultural production aim at reducing the effect of natural vagaries by extending irrigation facilities and fuller utilization of irrigation potential so far created. The use of manures, distribution of improved seeds and adoption of improved agricultural practices have also been intensified.

#### Indian Automobile Industry

1245. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government have any idea of the total amount spent so far by the Indian Automobile Industry in re-tooling on account of change of models and horse power of cars?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manabhai Shah):** Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Village Housing Projects Scheme

1246. { **Shri N. R. Munkswamy:**  
**Shri Sarju Pandey:**  
**Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:**  
**Shri Karni Singhji:**  
**Shri Madhusudan Rao:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the target for construction of houses under the Village Housing Projects Scheme for the Second Five Year Plan (State-wise);

(b) the number of houses constructed under the Scheme so far (state-wise);

(c) the amount allocated to various States for this purpose so far;

(d) the estimated amount to be spent under the Scheme during the remaining period of Second Five Year Plan; and

(e) the measures contemplated to fulfil the targets?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) to (c). A statement showing the required information is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 8].

(d) A sum of Rs. 250 lakhs is proposed to be spent under this Scheme during 1960-61 which is the last year of the Second Five Year Plan.

(e) The slow progress under the Scheme has been mainly due to the fact that the State Governments had to complete a number of preliminaries before commencing disbursement of loan assistance for construction of houses. Except Assam, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, all the States have by now completed almost all the preliminaries; and these three States have also been requested to expedite action.

It has recently been decided to modify the Scheme to permit the State Governments to utilise part of their loan allocation under the Scheme, for acquisition of land in the selected villages in certain cases; and also for providing open developed plots for such members of the village community as are not in a position to repay loans for the construction of houses to the extent already provided for under the Scheme, to enable them to put up their huts with their own labour.

#### Hosiery Needles

1267. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply