

Governments to work out measures for improving the performance of these mills. The question of increasing supplies of inputs such as raw materials, coal & power has also been taken up with the appropriate authorities. Government have also extended various excise concessions to help the growth and performance of the Paper Industry.

Menon Committee Report on Silent Valley Project

2424. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when did the M.G K. Menon Committee on Silent Valley submitted their report ; and

(b) their main recommendations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH) : (a) The Committee submitted its report in January, 1983.

(b) A summary of the report and conclusions is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in library. See 7197/83].

Setting up of Industries by Non-Resident Indians

2425. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new units of industry set up by the non-resident Indians in the country ; and

(b) details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) To receive and process industrial investment and licence applications from non-resident Indians, a Special Cell was

created in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (Department of Industrial Development) in January this year. Since then, 8 letters of intent have been granted under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up of industrial units in the country by non-resident Indians. These letters of intent, which have been granted only recently, would presently be at various stages of implementation.

Working Group on Hill Area Development Programme

2426. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning has set up a Working group on the Hill Areas Development Programme ;

(b) whether the review of the programme during the Sixth Plan had been made; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. This is for the Seventh Plan.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission has completed a mid-term appraisal of the Sixth Five Year including the Hill Areas Development Programme, the findings are contained in Chapter 18 of the Mid-term Appraisal document laid on the Table of the House on 19.8.1983.

Exploration of Tin in Bastar District

2427. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any programme for time bound exploration of tin mineralisation in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh;