

Number of telephones in Junagarh

8095. SHRI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones in Junagarh District,

(b) the number of applications for new connections received up to 31st December, 1972,

(c) the number of connections given during the year, 1972, and

(d) the number of applications still pending?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)
(a) 4668

(b) 2028

(c) 738 (after 371 applicants had dropped out).

(d) 919

Development of Small Scale Industries in backward districts of Gujarat

8096. SHRI VEKARIA
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the action taken by the Government for the development of small scale industries in the backward districts of Gujarat State during the last 3 years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI) Planning Commission have declared 10 districts of Gujarat as backward for purposes of concessional rate of interest from the financial institutions. Of these, 3 districts have been declared eligible for 10 per cent central subsidy on investment in fixed assets. The Small Industries Service Institute, Ahmedabad, Directorate of Industries, Ahmedabad and Gujarat State Financial Corporation have con-

ducted surveys to identify potentialities to develop small scale units in 8 of the above mentioned districts. Apart from the regular visits of the technical officers of the Small Industries Surveys Institute, Ahmedabad to the backward areas of the State, intensive campaigns were organised in 4 of the backward districts. Under the Rural Industries Projects Programme for the Fifth Plan, three backward districts of Gujarat have been approved. In these three districts, preliminary work such as appointment of staff in projects and their training, conduct of techno-economic surveys etc are in progress.

Ratio of Income between the highest and lowest in the country

8097. SHRI DHARNIDHAR DAS: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) the highest income per family in India and the proportion of the highest income group to the total population

(b) the lowest income per family and the proportion of the lowest income group to the total population, and

(c) the ratio of income between the highest and the lowest income groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) to (c) No valid estimates are available

Growth of Monopoly Houses

8098. SHRI DHARNIDHAR DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) the amount of investment in the private sector, cooperative sector and public sector and variation of the proportion of investment in the sectors during the last three years; and