

Small Industries Service Unit

6005. SHRI KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Service Unit has made any survey in the East Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. A report on the survey was supplied to the State Director of Industries in 1960.

(b) The suggestions made in the report were for:

- (i) improvement of the existing industries in the district, viz., light engineering, tin products, fountain pen nibs, leather and canvas goods, photographic sensitive papers, Chank Fishing and Steel Collection, Boat Building, Mat Weaving and Palmyra Leaf Products;
- (ii) adoption of measures needed to improve these industries; and
- (iii) establishment of following new industries in the district based on its economic resources and demand pattern of the people, viz.,

(1) Pyrotechnic aluminum powder

(2) Ginning mill parts.

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(4) Crown Corks.

(5) Fire-clay products.

(6) Aluminium hollow-ware.

(c) The survey was intended for the guidance of entrepreneurs and Director of Industries of the State. What progress has been made so far on the basis of this report and how far the suggestions made have been implemented have not been assessed so far by Government of India.

Iron Ore Deposits in Karaikudi

6006. SHRI KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are Iron Ore deposits in Karaikudi area in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY): (a) and (b). Geological and mineral survey around Karaikudi indicate laterite and sandstone of upper Gondwana age. The occurrence of iron ore near Vadakudipatti which is close to Nemmatanpatti and about ten to twelve kilometres north of Karaikudi town was examined by the Geological Survey of India in 1962. Here, on a low rise of ground those iron bearing laterites is not conkudipatti, low grade lateritic iron ores are found. Recovery of iron from those iron bearing laterites is not considered to be economical under the present day conditions.

Transformer Manufacturing Industry

6007. SHRI G. S. MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transformer manufacturing industry in the country due to over production capacity and sharp downward trend in the economy due to present recession has become uneconomical;