

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Aarthik Udarikaran se `Beemaru` Rajyon ki Sthiti Aur Bigadi` appeared in the Dainik Jagaran dated January 5, 2003
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) The question refers to a captioned news-item based on a study titled ``ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION FAILS TO IMPACT `BIMARU` STATES`` released by ASSOCHAM. As per ASSOCHAM, the analysis of the study was based on data collected from various sources including Central Statistical Organisation (CSO). The paper has analysed the change in the industrial units registered under the Factories Act during 1999-00 over 1991-92.

(c) The sharp decline shown in the number of industrial units during 1999-00 in case of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and U.P. is mainly due to the fact that the paper fails to take into account the number of industrial units registered in Jharkhand, Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal during 1999-00, which were formerly part of these states respectively. As per official data released by C.S.O. based on Annual Survey of Industry (ASI) 1999-00, the combined total of factories in Bihar and Jharkhand is 2996, M.P. and Chattisgarh is 3335 and U.P. and Uttaranchal is 10918. The percent change in the industrial units is not as depicted in the news item. Also, it is not appropriate to adjudge the impact of economic liberalization on the basis of change in the number of industrial units alone.