been received from the President, India Unity and Cultural Centre.

Production of Khadi

*332. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABI-BULLAH :

Will the Minister of RURAL RE-CONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States such as Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are lagging behind in the production of Khadi;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure rapid growth of Khadi and Village Industries in a planned manner in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) and (b). Uttar Pradesh occupies the top position in Khadi production and accounts for about 22 per cent of the total production of khadi in the country. In the case of Madhya Pradesh there was a marginal decline in Khadi production in the year 1977-78, but the production picked up in 1979-80. The Khadi production, in terms of value and meterage, has shown increasing trend except in the year 1975-76.

(c) It is proposed to step up distribution of improved tools and equipment and to accelerate training facilities in these States. Khadi and village industries will be promoted in all the development blocks and the resources available under Integrated Rural Development programme will be utilised for the purpose. Required financial, technical, raw materials and marketing support will also be provided. to Questions

*333. श्रीहु**३मदेव नारायण यादव**ः क्या ग्रामोण पुर्नानर्माण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) खादी प्रामोद्योग ग्रायोग की ओर सरकार तथा ग्रन्य वित्तीय संस्थाग्रों का कितना ऋण बकाया है और 31 मार्च, 1980 की स्थिति के ग्रनुसार इस ग्रायोग का कुल पूंजी निवेश कितना था श्रीर ग्रव तक उसे कूल कितना घाटा हो चका है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रायोग के ग्रध्यक्ष ने गत तीन महीनों के दौरान बम्बई में एक बहुत बड़े समारोह का ग्रायोजन किया था यदि हां, तो उस समारोह में शराब पर किये गये खर्च सहित कुल कितनी रकम खर्च की गई ?

fAffairs of Khadi Gramodyog Commission

*333. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount *of* loan to be' repaid to Government and other financial institutions by Khadi Grams -dyog Commission; the total inves -ments made by this Commission as o; the 31st March, 1980 and the accumulated losses suffered by it so far; and

(b) whether if is also a fact that a function was arranged on a large scale by the Chairman of the Commission in Bombay during the last three months, if so, how much expenditure was incurred on it, including the expenditure on liquor served in that, function?]

•}•[] English translation.