

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

Production of Khadi

*332. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:
SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION 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.

खादी ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के कार्यकलाप

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*333. श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव :
क्या ग्रामीण पुर्ननिर्माण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खादी ग्रामोद्योग आयोग की ओर सरकार तथा अन्य वित्तीय संस्थाओं का कितना ऋण बकाया है और 31 मार्च, 1980 की स्थिति के अनुसार इस आयोग का कुल पूंजी निवेश कितना था और अब तक उसे कुल कितना घाटा हो चुका है ; और

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

†Affairs 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 Gramodyog Commission; the total investments made by this Commission as on the 31st March, 1980 and the accumulated losses suffered by it so far; and

(b) whether it 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.