

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.

कृषि और ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बालेश्वर राम) : (क) खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग की ओर भारत सरकार का 251.65 करोड़ रुपए और अन्य वित्तीय संस्थाओं का 3 करोड़ रुपए बकाया है। 31-3-1980 तक आयोग द्वारा लगाया गया कुल निवेश 249.80 करोड़ रुपए था। 31-3-1980 तक आयोग द्वारा चलाई जा रही विभागीय गतिविधियों के अधीन ग्रामीण उद्योगों के अन्तर्गत 37.28 लाख रुपए की संचित बचत थी और खादी के अन्तर्गत 10.19 लाख रुपए की हानि थी।

(ख) पिछले तीन महीने के दौरान खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग द्वारा कामनवेल्थ साइंस परिषद् के प्रतिनिधियों का एक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया था। इस पर किया गया कुल व्यय केवल 6,647.00 रुपए था। इस सम्मेलन में शराब का प्रयोग नहीं किया गया था।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission has to repay Rs. 251.65 crores to the Government and Rs. 3 crores to other financial institutions. The total investment made by the Commission as on 31-3-1980 was Rs. 249.80 crores. There was an accumulated surplus of Rs. 37.28 lakhs under Village Industries and an accumulated loss of Rs. 10.19 lakhs under Khadi under the departmental activities run by the Commission as on 31-3-1980.

(b) A Conference of Commonwealth Science Council delegates was arranged by the KVIC during the last three months. The total expenditure incurred on it was Rs. 6,647.00 only. No liquor was served in that Conference.]

†[English translation.

Development of Shantivana

*334. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans for further development of Shantivana and areas around it in Delhi during the next two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the artificial canal developed near Delhi Gate with a view to beautify the area around Shantivana has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing water in the said canal?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No definite plans have yet been formulated. The Shantivana Committee is seized of the matter.

(b) and (c). The canal which is not in the immediate vicinity of Shantivana generally remains dry, throughout the year. As and when water is found to be stagnating, it is treated with larvicides to ensure that mosquitoes do not breed.

Additional Construction in Indian Express Building

*335. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of enquiry regarding additional construction in the building of Indian Express on Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action, if any, has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is *sub-judice*, as M/s. Express Newspapers Ltd., and