

Affairs of Nehru Yuvak Kendra in Purulia District

666. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any memorandum containing charges of corruption against co-ordinator of Nehru Yuvak Kendra in Purulia district of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps Government of India have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Two complaints received against the Youth Co-ordinator of Neru Yuvak Kendra, Purulia West Bengal) are under investigation.

Promotion Avenues of Non-Gazetted Employees in P. & T. Department

667. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase in the promotion avenues of non-gazetted employees in the Posts and Telegraphs Department with the introduction of 20 per cent Promotional Scheme in 1974;

(b) whether the 20 per cent promotion scheme is being implemented in all cadres of Posts and Telegraphs Department all over the country and what is the position of its implementation in U. P. Circle in postal side; what is the number of beneficiaries in preceding five year;

(c) whether there is any provision for confirmation of officials in P&T under the said scheme; and

(d) the number of confirmation made in the U. P. circle in respect of LSG, HSG IPOs cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) About 10 per cent.

(b) 20 per cent promotional scheme was introduced in 1974 to provide better promotional avenue to the staff (Group 'C' and 'D') in the P&T Department. It has been implemented in various cadres of the Department. As regards the number of beneficiaries in U.P. Circle on Postal side, it is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. Confirmation of the officials on their posts is done in accordance with the existing rules and orders of the Government.

(d) The number, of confirmation made in respect of LSG, HSG and IPOs in U.P. circle is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Establishment of National Warehousing Authority

668. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a National Warehousing Authority to popularise the warehousing movement in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production in Khadi and Village Industries

669. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production in Khadi and village industries during the last three years, state-wise and year-wise along with the number of persons employed separately for Khadi and in each village industry;

(b) the projections year-wise for the ensuing three years;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to accelerate and encourage the production and employment in this sphere; and

(d) the average daily wage paid to the Khadi and the Village worker separately as on 31st March 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) Information about production and number of persons employed in khadi and village industries, State-wise and industry-wise during the year 1977-78

and 1978-79 has been given at pages XXIII to XXXIV and XXXV to XL respectively of the Statistical Statement to Annual Report of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for those years. The reports have already been placed on the Table of the House. Provisional figures in regard to production and employment in Khadi and Village Industries during the year 1979-80 are given in the enclosed Annexure. [See Appendix CXVI, Annexure No. 49.]

(b) Year-wise estimated projections for 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 are as follows:—

	Production ----- (Rs. in crores)	Employment ----- (Lakh persons)
1980-81		
Khadi	110.19	12.09
Village industries	395.20	21.70
Total	505.39	33.79
1981-82		
Khadi	123.60	13.08
Village industries	501.24	25.18
Total	624.84	38.26
1982-83		
Khadi	138.72	13.94
Village industries	642.03	29.95
Total	780.75	43.89

(c) The following steps are proposed to be taken to accelerate and encourage the production and employment in the Khadi and Village Industries sphere:—

(i) Existing and potential artisans will be identified and their activities diversified.

(ii) The employment base will be widened by expanding and diversifying the existing programmes and taking up additional programmes particularly in areas where need to create employment opportunities is acute and urgent.

(iii) Activities for procurement, storage and processing of raw materials, manufacture and supply of improved tools and equipment, credit, marketing, training etc. will be promoted and strengthened.

(iv) Setting up of a strong infrastructure for research and development in production and processing technology, product development, diversification of raw materials and processes, designing, improvements in packaging etc. with a view to reduce drudgery of work without

reducing employment and improvement in quality of product and increasing the productivity and earnings of artisans will be taken in hand.

(v) Production and supply of improved tools and equipment will be stepped up.

(vi) More emphasis will be placed on transfer of technology and transmission of higher skills by creating training infrastructure.

(vii) Production Centres will be organised in areas where local entrepreneurship is not forthcoming with the long term objective of transferring the centres to the artisans themselves.

(viii) Arrangements will be streamlined for providing critical and scarce raw materials.

(ix) Greater attention will be given to Backward areas and deprived sections of society especially the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and increasing the percentage share in numerical and financial terms of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and women in KVI activities by making specific allocations for areas and industries which have preponderance of these target groups.

(x) Adequate provision will be made for providing employment to educated unemployed especially among the sections of marginal farmers and landless agricultural labourers by providing training opportunities to them.

(xi) Marketing organisations will be strengthened.

(d) The nature, content, duration and intensity of employment in Khadi

and Village Industries differs from industry to industry and within an industry from activity to activity. It is, therefore, difficult to determine average daily wage paid to a worker engaged in Khadi and Village industries. The wage pattern is broadly as under:—

Khadi spinners can earn about Rs. 3 to Rs. 7 per day. Weavers can earn Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 per day and other artisans like carders, dyers etc. can earn about Rs. 5 per day. Under village industries the daily earning/wages varies between Rs. 3 to Rs. 15 per day e.g. a carpenter can earn about Rs. 15 per day whereas collection of non-edible oilseeds, sea shells etc. may give to an artisan only Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 per day.

Karnataka Government's Proposal to Conduct Hindi Propagation Examination

670. PROF RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government proposed to conduct Hindi propagation examinations by the Government department in spite of protests from the All Hindi Propagation voluntary Agencies of Karnataka and in violation of Central Government's policy of voluntary propagation of Hindi through voluntary agencies;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restrain this move of Karnataka Government;

(c) whether Government have received a representation from the Akhil Bharat Hindi Sanstha Sangh in this regard; and