

highest priority in employment in the quota/category to which he/she will be ordinarily entitled so long as there is no separation or divorce.

The Government of India is considering these recommendations of the Working Group.

Assistance to Harijans/Adivasis in setting up industries

318. SHRI PANDURANG DHARMAJI JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Central Government schemes to provide financial and other assistance to educated unemployed Harijans/Adivasis for setting up industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There is a Central scheme for entrepreneurial development amongst weaker sections of the community covering Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, rural women war widows, defence personnel and residents of tribal and hilly areas. The details of the scheme are given in the statement enclosed.

In addition a large percentage of the benefits under the various programmes undertaken in the Handlooms, Khadi and Village industries, Sericulture and Coir industries are aimed at reaching the weaker sections of society including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

Statement

Entrepreneurial Development amongst Weaker Sections of the Community

This programme is particularly meant for weaker sections of community like Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, rural Women, War Widows, Defence personnel, residents of tribal and hilly areas. These courses will be mainly meant for creating self-employment and these entrepreneurs will normally employ many workers.

The course content will be training in field of activity they wish to take up, elementary knowledge of costing and selling, assistance programme of concerned developmental agencies which will be helping them and such other matters which may be necessary for this section of community.

The duration of course will be two months and a stipend of Rs. 100/- per month will be paid to each participant. These courses will be conducted in rural and backward areas only.

Financial implication

(a) Stipend @ Rs 100/- per month for 2 months for 20 participants	Rs. 4,000.00
(b) Technical training expenses in the units or institutions.	Rs. 4,000.00
(c) Miscellaneous expenses	Rs. 4,000.00
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Manufacture of passenger cars in the public sector

319. SHRI T. ANJIAH:

SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 52 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 1979 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal for manufacturing passenger cars in public sector and for making them available at reasonable prices;

(b) if so, what is the progress in this direction; and

(c) whether any tentative estimate has been made by Government for