

relating to problems of industrial sickness are being worked out and will be finalised as early as possible.

Non-functioning of Jute Corporation of India in jute-growing States

377. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPARDE; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Corporation of India by itself does not undertake any study of the conditions in which jute is grown in the interior of the jute growing States for providing effective price support to jute growers;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the functioning of the Corporation; and

(c) if so, what are the results thereof and what decision Government have taken to make Corporation function more effectively in the jute growing States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI); (a) As per its Memorandum of Association, the Jute Corporation of India is not required to undertake any study of the conditions in which jute is grown.

(b) and (c) The Committee on Public Undertakings has recently examined the working of the Jute Corporation of India and their suggestions/recommendations for improving the Corporation's functioning are being examined.

Acquiring of Working Knowledge of Hindi by Deputy Secretaries in Ministries/Government Departments

378. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have chalked out any time-bound programme for officers of the rank of the Deputy Secretary and above working in the Ministries, Departments and other offices of the Central Government to acquire working knowledge of Hindi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This issue came up for discussion in the meeting of the Kendriya Hindi Samiti held on the 12th April 1978, but approved minutes have not yet been received.

Implementation of the Recommendation of the Kothari Committee regarding Recruitment to All India Services

379. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABT-BULLAH; SHRI SWAISINGH SISODHIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state by when Government propose to switch over the scheme of recruitment to the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service and other all India Services as recommended by the Kothari Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL); The Report of the Kothari Committee is still under consideration of Government. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the date from which the scheme of recruitment for the All India and Central Services recommended by this Committee will be implemented.