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National Wage Policy and Agricultural Labour

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Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government propose to include agricultural labour within the ambit of the national wage policy?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): The Minimum Wages Act, 1948, provides for fixation as well as revision of minimum rates of wages in various employments including those in agriculture. In the formulation of a National Wage Policy, wages in both the organised and unorganised sectors including agriculture will have to be kept in view.

Journals Published by the Indian Embassies

*448. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Embassies published any journals and magazines for free distribution and sale; and
- (b) if so, what are the details there-

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our Embassy in Moscow brings out a quarterly magazine in Russian entitled 'INDIA'. It is priced at Rs. 4.75 approximately. The Indian Embassy in Cairo brings out a monthly 'SAWT EL SHARK' in Arabic. It is priced at an annual subscription of Rs. 4.00 approximately.

A list of the Indian Missions which publish weeklies, monthlies etc. for free distribution is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details of printed journals issued by Indian Missions abroad on a regular basis

Name of Mission				Name of Journal	Periodicity	Circulation Approx.
**************************************	P-1			India News		
Washington	1.1	•	•	India News	Weekl y	32,000
Dacca	•	•	•	Bharat Bichitra (Bengali)	Monthly	10,000
Khatmandu				Bharat Samachar (Nepali)	Fortnightly	5,000
M scow		•		India (Russian)	Quarterly	40,000
Paris ,	•	•		Nouvelles de L'Inde (French)	Monthly	Not available.
Cairo	•	•	•	Sawt El Hind \ Sawt El Shark \(\) (Arabic)	Monthly	15,000 7,000
(It	is di	stribu	ited	among the Arabic speaking coun	ntries through (vr Missicrs)
Tehran				Aine Hind (Persian)	Monthly	N' t available.