

work relating to the maintenance of G.P. Fund accounts of other categories of employees is also being taken over by the Ministries/Departments along with the departmentalisation of accounts which is being introduced in these phases i.e. with effect from 1-4-1976, 1-7-1976 and 1-10-1976. After this is completed, the question of introducing pass books for them also could be considered.

Security Deposits from fresh recruits in S.B.I.

623. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly recruited personnel in the State Bank of India are required to deposit lump sum security at the time of their recruitment;

(b) if so, what is the amount of security required to be deposited with the Bank and what is the procedure for its refund; and

(c) whether Government propose to review this procedure for the benefit of prospective employees who are not in a position to arrange the same; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The State Bank of India has reported that it obtains security deposit of Rs. 1000/- from those candidates who are appointed as Probationary Officers or as Cashiers in the bank. In the case of Probationary Officers this amount is refunded after the completion of 2 years probation period. In the case of Cashiers, the amount is refunded in the following cases :

- (1) on transfer to clerical wing;
- (2) on promotion and
- (3) on retirement.

(c) In the case of candidates who are not in a position to lodge the cash security immediately on appointment, the bank permit; the candidates to furnish in lieu of cash security an undertaking to deposit the required amount in suitable instalments from their monthly salary and also furnish two sureties for the purpose.

Indo-British talk on avoidance of double taxation

624. SHRI HIMMAT SINH :

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMAR
CHUNDAWAT:

Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation from India held talks with the representatives of the U.K. Government in London in July, 1976 or the subject of a comprehensive double taxation avoidance convention; and

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

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Agreement was reached on a number of issues but mutually acceptable solutions could not be arrived at regarding some other points and these were reserved for discussion in the next round of talks. Details of a double taxation avoidance agreement are disclosed only after a complete agreement has been negotiated and it comes into force. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to disclose the details of the point on which agreement has been reached so far.

Raids at the Lucknow office of M/s. Premier Tyres

625. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN : Will the Minister of REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lucknow office of M/s. Premier Tyres was raided by the officials of the Central Excise Department in November, 1975;

(b) if so, what are the details in this connection;

(c) whether the staff of the said office was found in possession of some smuggled articles during raid; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND [NG (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : Ca) and fb) On the basis of an information, the premises of M/s. Premier Tyres, Lucknow were searched, by the Central Excise Officials on 17.11.75. As a result of the raid two packages containing 11 sealed bottles of foreign liquor valued at Rs. 4,650/- were recovered from tyres godown. Besides, foreign goods like musical telephone stand, electronic watch, transistor Radio-cum-flower vase worth Rs. 650/- were also recovered from the room of the District Manager.

(c) and fd) The case has since been adjudicated and the seized foreign liquor bottles have been confiscated absolutely. The electronic watch and transistor radio were ordered to be released to the District Manager on payment of redemption fine of Rs. 250/-. The other items which were not notified items under Chapter IV-A of the Customs Act, were released to him.

हथकरघा उद्योग में संकट

626. श्री ओम् प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को विदित है कि विद्युत् चालित करघा उद्योग के साथ कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धा के कारण हथकरघा उद्योग को संकट का सामना करना पड़ रहा है और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप हजारों व्यक्तियों के बेरोजगार हो जाने की संभावना है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो हथकरघा उद्योग के हितों की सुरक्षा के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं अथवा उठाने का विचार रखती है।

Crisis in Hie handloom industry

626. SHRI OMPARKASH TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the handloom industry is facing a crisis on account of stiff competition from the powerloom industry and whether thousand of workers are likely to be rendered jobless; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to safeguard the interests of the handloom industry ?]

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख) हालांकि पावरलूम क्षेत्र से प्रतियोगिता के कारण हथकरघा उद्योग द्वारा उठाई जा रही कुछ कठिनाइयों की सूचनायें मिली थीं लेकिन इस प्रकार के किसी संकट की सूचना नहीं मिली है। हथकरघा उद्योग के हितों की रक्षा के लिये पांच और मदें, अर्थात् पूरी रंगी हुई साड़ियाँ, रंगीन सूत की धोतियाँ, लोरीडपिक कपड़ा, झाड़न और लच्छेदार बुनाई वाले तौलिये या तौलिये का कपड़ा, हथकरघा क्षेत्र के लिये ही आरक्षित कर दी गई है। हथकरघा क्षेत्र को और अधिक संरक्षण देने के लिये पावरलूम के कपड़े पर पावरलूम मालिकों के परमिट का नम्बर छापना ज़रूरी है जिससे इस प्रकार के कपड़े की पहचान हो सके और उसके हथकरघा कपड़े के रूप में बिकने को रोका जा सके। सभी राज्य सरकारों से जिनके माध्यम से आरक्षण आदेशों का प्रवर्तन किया जाता है, आग्रह किया गया है कि ये आरक्षण आदेशों को बड़ी कठोरता से लागू करें।

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) While there had been reports of some difficulties faced by the handloom

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