

in selected backward districts/areas. The incentives include Central subsidy scheme, concessional finance scheme and transport subsidy scheme.

1053. [Transferred to the 18th March, 1975].

Kerala Government's order on Malayalam language

1054. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government have passed an order recently making compulsory for the linguistic minorities in the State to learn Malayalam in case they are Government employees;

(b) whether the Kannadigas have protested against the said order; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to take steps for getting the order withdrawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) The Government of Kerala passed orders on 31st October, 1974, amending the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958. According to the amendment persons belonging to linguistic minorities who take the recruitment test in a language other than Malayalam and are appointed to any service, shall pass the language test in Malayalam within a maximum period of 4 years from the date of appointment.

(b) and (c) The State Government have stated that they have received representations from various individuals and organisations of Kannada linguistic minorities as well as the Chairman Kasargode Municipality protesting against the said orders and requesting for us withdrawal.

The representations are being examined by the State Governments.

Setting up of a paper manufacturing unit in North Bengal

1055. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government have submitted a proposal for setting up of a paper manufacturing unit in North Bengal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) and (b) The West Bengal Government have not submitted any proposal for setting up of a paper manufacturing unit in North Bengal. However, the West Bengal Industrial Development Corp'n. had sent up a proposal for setting up a newsprint plant in West Bengal for a daily capacity of 200 tonnes. A letter of intent has already been issued to the Corporation for this scheme.

Production in Bush and Company

1056. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in the Bush and Company is suffering for want of raw material; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have so far taken to help the company in tiding over the shortage of raw materials?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) *ann* (b) The Department of Electronics has been examining the possibility of significantly increasing the production of electronic components in the country with the existing installed capacity. In this connection, Bush