

(a) whether the Departmental investigation into the incident of theft of paper from the currency, paper! manufacturing factory in Hoshangabad (Madhya Pradesh) has been completed; and

(b) if so, what facts have come to light as a result of the said investigation?]

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. आर. गणेश) : (क) और (ख) : केन्द्रीय जांच कार्यालय ने कर्सेसी पेपर की चोरी के संबंध में जांच का काम सिक्योरिटी पेपर मिल होशंगाबाद से अपने हाथ में ले लिया है। जब केन्द्रीय जांच कार्यालय की जांच परिणाम मिल जाएंगे, विभागीय जांच शुरू की जाएगी। इस बीच मिल में सुरक्षा प्रबंध को कड़ा बनाने के लिए कुछ अतिरिक्त उपाय किये गये हैं जिनमें से एक उपाय यह है कि मौजूदा चौकसी और निगरानी कर्मचारियों के स्थान पर केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा दल के आदमी तैनात कर दिये गये हैं।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has taken over the investigation of the case relating to theft of currency paper from the Security Paper Mill Hoshangabad. The Departmental investigation will be taken up when the results of CBIs' investigation become available. In the meantime several additional measures have been taken to tighten the security in the Mill, one of which is the replacement of existing watch and ward staff by the Central Industrial Security Force.]

Improving the lot of craftsmen of Delhi

*296. SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government for providing encouragement to the world famous crafts of Delhi;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the working conditions living and working environments of the craftsmen;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken for checking exploitation by middle-men

†[] English translation.

and improving the lot of craftsmen; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for encouraging and sustaining apprenticeship schemes for promotion of the crafts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A.C. GEORGE): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Following are some of the important measures aiming at encouragement to handicrafts of Delhi and consequently at amelioration of the plight of the artisans:

(i) The Design Centre run by the All India Handicrafts Board at the Okhla Industrial Estate provides assistance in designing of the handicraft items.

(ii) The Central Cottage Industries Emporium and the Emporium run by Delhi Administration in Delhi provide marketing facility for the Handicraft items and eliminate to a large extent exploitation by middle-men.

(iii) National awards for outstanding craftsmanship have been awarded to 10 master craftsmen of Delhi.

(iv) Training has been imparted to craftsmen in Ivory, Meenakari and Metal Engraving.

2. All India Handicrafts Board is organising further training programmes to craftsmen in Delhi. It is also organising a Carpet Weaving Centre within Union Territory. Finances are made available to Delhi Administration for their handicrafts development programmes covering provision of common facilities centres for art-ware, development of Papier-Mache products, grant-in-aid to artisans etc.

Seminar on perfumery export

♦232. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on perfumery export was held in Delhi recently; and

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