

1971 migrants as had returned from Bangla Desh might be admitted to the Mana Group of Transit Centres near Raipur provided they had been living in camps or rehabilitation sites and had deserted those sites in the wake of the liberation of Bangla Desh. Steps are accordingly being taken to move all such families to Mana where necessary relief assistance will be given.]

REGISTRATION OF NAMES IN EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*642. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 116 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1972 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the information regarding registration of names in employment exchanges of Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

PURCHASE OF TEXTILES BY GOVERNMENT

*643. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total cost of textiles, namely, (i) Mill-made and power-loom cloth; (ii) khadi; and (iii) Handloom cloth, purchased annually by Government for use by the Government Departments; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to purchase at least 50% of their requirements of cloth from the handloom industry; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) A statement is laid on the table.

(b) No Sir; however, the proposal for the substitution of khadi cloth by mill-made/handloom cloth for the fabrication of uniforms of Central Government employees is under the consideration of the Government.

STATEMENT

The total value of textile items purchased by the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals during the last three years is as follows:—

(Value in lakhs of Rs.)

Item	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Mill made & power-loom cloth	741.77	1,306.78	4,166.18 (provisional)
Khadi	126.99	112.46	46.61 (provisional)
Handloom	25.28	180.09	358.29

MEASURES TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL

*644. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts of International Labour Organisation during the session held in Delhi had suggested measures to increase employment potential in the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b) Presumably, the reference is to the Joint Workshop on Employment Generation which the Expert Committee on Unemployment held in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation at New Delhi from 2nd to 7th August, 1972 to thrash out various facets of some of the important issues before it. International as well as national experts contributed papers on various topics and participated in discussions. The conclusions of the workshop will be duly taken into account by the Committee while formulating their final recommendations.