

the Laccadive and Minicoy Islands has not been recognised yet ;

(1)) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) In the absence of formal rules for recognition of Service Associations, the Association of non-gazetted employees of the Laccadive and Minicoy Islands has been given de facto recognition.

(b) Does not arise .

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

*247. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR :
SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO :
SHRI D. P. SINGH : DR. I. A. AHMED :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious complaints about the working of the certification centre of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission : and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the persons responsible for omission and commission ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b) A few complaints have been received in this Ministry and in the Khadi & Village Industries Commission as well against the working of the Central Certification Committee, Lucknow. These complaints are being examined in consultation with the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

*248. {Transferred to the 23rd May, 1972]

AGRO-BASED INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL

*249. DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRABARTI : SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI : SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have received from the Government of West Bengal any schemes for the setting up of agro-based industries in that State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) to (c) No such scheme has been received in this Ministry from the Government of West Bengal.

(L) and (c) Do not arise.

JOINT INDUSTRIAL VENTURES

*250. SHRI SUNDAR MAW PATEL :
SHRI K. C. PANDA : SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGGARLAMUDI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been discussions with the Ceylonese Government for putting up joint industrial ventures between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details of these proposals ; and

(c) the extent of participation of the two countries in these joint ventures ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

During the course of bilateral talks between India and Ceylon, held in September and November, 1971 the following fields of industries were identified for investigation and follow-up action with a view to promoting industrial collaboration between the two countries :—

(i) Graphite based industry.

(ii) Rubber goods, including lyres and t vibes.

(iii) Mica industry.

(iv) Glass (glass sheet and opthalmic glass) to be based on silica sand available in large quantities in Ceylon.