

ORDNANCE FACTORIES IN U. P.

1566. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many ordnance factories are located in Uttar Pradesh which are manufacturing goods for the use of the defence;

(b) the total number of employees engaged in these factories; and

(c) the total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employed in these factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) There are seven Ordnance Factories located in the State of Uttar Pradesh. In addition to this, there is the Accelerated Freeze Dried Meat Factory in Agra, U.P.

(b) 39,428 as on 1-11-1969.

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

RESERVATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COLOURED SARIES FOR THE HAND-LOOM WEAVING INDUSTRY

1567. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India had issued a notification No. 9(42)-Tex(c)/64 dated June 2, 1966 to the effect that the manufacture of coloured saries was reserved for the hand-loom weaving industry and power looms were prohibited from producing them after June 2, 1969;

(b) if so what action Government have taken in this regard till now; and

(c) whether any instructions have been sent to various State Governments to implement the decision taken by the Government of India regarding the reservation of coloured saries to the hand-loom sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c) A resolution accepting *inter alia* the recommendation of the Powerloom Enquiry Committee to reserve printing of coloured saries for the Handloom Sector exclusively was issued on June 2, 1966. In pursuance of this decision, a Notification was issued on

9th November, 1966, and State Governments were advised to implement this decision.

RISE IN PRICES OF COTTON YARN

1568. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of cotton yarn of various counts used by the hand-loom weavers have abnormally gone up during the current year;

(b) if so what are the steps taken by Government to bring down the prices of cotton yarns to help the hand-loom weavers; and

(c) whether Government propose to supply different counts of yarn to the hand-loom weavers in accordance with the rates on which the Composit Mills are getting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

PATHANKOT-KULU-MANALI-LEH ROAD

1569. SHRI C. L. VARMA :

SHRIMATI SATYAVATI DANG :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pathankot-Kulu-Manali-Leh road has been completed in all respects for vehicular traffic; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide tourist bungalows on this road, if so, the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) The road from Pathankot to Manali via Kulu is an all weather road and fit in all respects for vehicular traffic. Beyond Manali a restricted 3-ton access has been established to Leh. However construction and completion of a number of protective works and temporary bridges is in progress.

(b) The provision of tourist bungalows in the above road is not included in the programme of the Border Roads Development Board.