

made in the sanctioned Budget Estimates for the year 1968-69:

	(Rs. in lakhs)		
	Grants	Loans	Total
Khadi . . .	850.00	105.20	955.20
Village Industries	200.00	160.00	360.00
Subsidy in lieu of concession in interest on loans	332.00*	..	332.00
Special loan for renewal of past loans	380.00*	380.00
TOTAL	1,382.00	645.20	2,027.20

*To be adjusted by book adjustment; does not involve cash outgo.

Against the above provisions, the following amounts have been released to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission so far during the current financial year :

	(Rs. in lakhs)		
	Grants	Loans	Total
Khadi . . .	282.00	17.00	299.00
Village Industries	66.00	26.00	92.00
TOTAL	348.00	43.00	391.00

(b) Rs. 220.00 lakhs.

(c) Rs. 29.34 lakhs.

(d) Rs. 685.75 lakhs inclusive of allotment to Andhra Pradesh State Board.

RETRENCHMENT OF KHADI WORKERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

666. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Khadi workers have been retrenched in Khadi Programme of Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any alternative work has been created to absorb these retrenched workers either by the Khadi Commission or by the Government of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Madam. 234 persons employed by the Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board have been retrenched.

(b) As some of the direct Trading Units of the State Khadi and Village Industries Board were reported to be not running satisfactorily and incurring losses, the Government of Andhra Pradesh appointed a seven-man Committee in June, 1966 with Swami Ramanand Thirta as Chairman to review the reasons for losses in trading operations, to review the working of the Centres and categorise them and suggest measures for improvement. The Committee reported that out of 209 trading centres, 10 were working satisfactorily, 54 were working fairly well and 145 were not working satisfactorily. Of the 145 centres not working satisfactorily, the Committee recommended the closure of 73 centres which were incurring heavy losses. The Committee also suggested that other unsatisfactory centres should be closed in a phased programme.

(c) The Committee recommended that a Screening Committee be set up to select suitable and qualified persons from the retrenched personnel primarily on consideration of merit for absorption in the integrated development programme and in vacancies in other programmes wherever possible. The Committee also recommended that the State Board might impart appropriate training, if necessary, to suitable candidates.

LOAN TO KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION, BOMBAY

667. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loan sanctioned to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Bombay since its inception up to 31st March, 1968;

(b) the amount of loan that has been paid back by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission till 31st March, 1968;