

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: May I know whether any efforts are made to train people in the manufacture of dental materials with a view to manufacturing them here?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. As I said, the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Calcutta, is carrying on this work under the supervision of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: May I know whether there are any arrangements in India to promote higher research work in dental materials with a view to standardising them?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Not yet.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Is it a fact that the chemicals that are being imported from outside are not good and they deteriorate very soon?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I have no information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FINANCIAL HELP TO HANDLOOM PRODUCTION-CUM-SALES SOCIETIES

♦298. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Handloom Production-cum-Sales Societies started so far in the various States; and

(b) whether any financial help has so far been given to them?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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STATEMENT

Number of Production-cum-Sales Societies.

State	No. of Production-cum-Sales Societies
Andhra	670
Bihar	537*
Bombay	508*
Madhya Pradesh	283*
Madras	827
Punjab	237
Uttar Pradesh	980*
West Bengal	919
Hyderabad	154
Madhya Bharat	60
Mysore	130
PEPSU	73
Saurashtra	36
Travancore-Cochin	263
Assam	550
Pondicherry	13
Orissa	241
Rajasthan	424
Delhi	15
Vindhya Pradesh	23
Himachal Pradesh	5
Ajmer	27
Bhopal	11
Coorg	1
Kutch	2
Manipur	16
Tripura	12
Total	7017

♦These figures do not include silk, woollen and art-silk co-operative societies.

COFFEE HOUSE IN RUSSIA

*299. SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a coffee house in Russia; and