

(c) the amount of financial assistance given to them by the Central Government upto the 31st March, 1950?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manabhai Shah): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course

Small Scale Industries in Rampur District (UP)

1729. Shri S A Mehdi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) how many small scale industries in Rampur district of UP are getting assistance from the Small Scale Industries Service Institute, and

(b) the nature of assistance given and the names of the factories?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manabhai Shah). (a) and (b) A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

The technical staff of the Branch Small Industries Service Institute, Agra have visited many small industrial establishments in Rampur district of UP and have made a survey of the industrial potential there and also have given technical assistance in many cases. Advice has been mainly on improving the techniques of production by small units. Names of parties given such assistance are not readily available.

UPI News Agency

1731 Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have recovered any amount from the United Press of India after it went into liquidation last year,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) who was appointed as the liquidator and whether the liquidation process is over;

(d) what is the total amount paid by Government to the United Press of India during the last ten years under different heads,

(e) how many journalists and technicians became unemployed and how many of them since got employment,

(f) whether Government have received any representation from the UPI employees, and

(g) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr Keskar): (a) to (c) No amount has been recovered from the UPI after its liquidation. Shri K. K. Ghosh, Attorney-at-Law, High Court, Calcutta, has been appointed as the Official Liquidator and the creditors have not yet been invited by him to file their claims

(d) Details of payments made towards subscription to the UPI service during the ten years up to 30-9-1950 are given below —

Directorate General, All India Radio	6,56,568/23
Press Information Bureau	25,500/00
Ministry of External Affairs	51,750/00
Ministry of Home Affairs	10,400/00

(e) According to information furnished by the UPI Employees Union, about 350 employees were involved. Government have no information as to how many have been able to get employment.

(f) and (g) Government had received representations from the Employees Union many months back. As far as the question of alternative employment is concerned, Government tried to help by making recommendations to the other agency and various newspapers. Regarding the suggestion made about an alternative news agency, Government stated that it will welcome the formation of another agency, but as an agency is an independent body it was not for Government either to approve any particular scheme or reject it. Government