

है। इसलिये बिस्कुटों के निर्यात पर रोक लगाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। लेकिन स्थानीय उत्पादन बढ़ाने की कोशिश की जा रही है जिससे जहाँ तक हो सके कमी दूर की जा सके।

Dandakaranya Scheme

*701. Shri Siddananjappa: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to exploit the mineral wealth and natural resources in the Dandakaranya area, and

(b) if so, when will the committee be constituted and will commence working?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b) It is not proposed to appoint a special Committee for this purpose. The Dandakaranya Development Authority as a part of its normal functions will take all appropriate steps for the proper exploitation of the mineral wealth and natural resources of the area.

Workers' Education Scheme

*702. { Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri Ram Krishna:
Shri S. M. Banerjee
Shri Kodliyan:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal.
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to launch "Workers' Education Scheme" in Delhi,

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme, and

(c) whether the scheme is likely to be extended to other industrial towns also?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) The broad feature of the Workers' Education Scheme sponsored by Government is to promote the development of workers' education so as to make the worker more intelligent and efficient.

(c) Yes

Indian Diplomatic Establishment in Bahrain and Kuwait

*703. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been made by Indian nationals living in the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms, especially those in Bahrain and Kuwait, for providing a stronger diplomatic representation of Government of India there,

(b) in what way Indian interests in the above areas are being looked after presently, and

(c) whether Government are considering the question of permanent diplomatic establishment at Bahrain and Kuwait?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Some representations have been received to this effect.

(b) A consulate has already been opened in Muscat which also looks after Indian interests in Dubai and Qatar. The other principal areas of the Gulf, Bahrain and Kuwait, are looked after by the Embassy of India in Baghdad.

(c) The Government of India have always considered it desirable to have representation in Bahrain and Kuwait. There are certain difficulties in their opening a Mission in Bahrain, but they have decided to open one in Kuwait shortly.