

Labour Incentive Schemes in Public Sector Undertakings

*990. { Shri Morarka;
Shri Pramathanath Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Russian experts have submitted a report regarding labour incentive schemes in public sector undertakings;

(b) what are their main recommendations;

(c) whether Government have considered them; and

(d) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. Copies of the report are placed in the Library of the House.

(b) to (d). The report is under consideration.

Heavy Engineering Industrial Projects

*992. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has indicated an interest in extending co-operation and collaboration with India in Heavy Engineering Industrial Projects under Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, in what industries and in what form and to what extent?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A Yen credit equivalent to \$80 million has recently been finalised from Japan. The question of which projects are to go forward against this credit has not yet been settled.

Debate on Sale of Handloom Cloth

*994. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of rebate on sales of handloom cloth is likely

to continue for some years without any modification;

(b) whether the reduction of rebate from six naya paise to five naya paise has resulted in fall in the sales of handloom cloth; and

(c) what are the other alternatives besides the scheme of rebate under consideration of Government to encourage sales of handloom cloth?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). The scheme of rebate on sales of handloom cloth is likely to continue for some time but the conditions attached to the scheme and the rate may be modified from time to time as considered necessary.

The reduction in the rate of rebate has not affected the sales of handloom cloth.

Schemes for giving good finish to handloom cloth, setting up sales depots, provision of mobile sales vans, and giving publicity through various media to popularise sales of handloom cloth have been in operation for some time. Other measures recommended by the Working Group (Study Team) appointed by the NIDC regarding marketing of handloom fabrics have been accepted by the Government in principle. All such schemes will be examined on their merits.

Issue of Transfer and Sale Deeds to Displaced Persons

*1000. Shri Balraj Madhok: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transfer and sale deeds have not been issued to large number of displaced persons from West Pakistan who are allottees of Government-built property in spite of the fact that they have made full payment for the same in cash or in the form of claim bonds long ago; and

(b) whether Government will pay to such displaced persons interest on the amount thus deposited by them for the intervening period?