

(b) the present position with respect to building up of the expertise in the area of process control and instrumentation under UNDP programme for CEDT, Calicut (Kerala); and

(c) the progress made for completion of CEDT, Calicut and the time by which this centre will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) There are seven Centres for Electronics Design and Technology (CEDT) in the country.

(b) and (c). The CEDT at Calicut which is also supported through UNDP assistance, has specialisation in the area of Process Control and Instrumentation (PC & I). The building for the Centre is ready and some staff positions have also been filled up. Action has been initiated for setting up various laboratories and workshops. The details regarding course curriculum for post graduate programme in the area of PC & I have been finalised. The Centre is expected to commence its training programmes in the area of PCV & from the first quarter of 1992.

Ban on Harmonium

6645. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio has imposed a ban on Solo Harmonium;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and date of imposing the ban;

(c) whether noted musician, singers etc. have sent representations for lifting the ban, and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government

thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After consulting eminent musicologists, All India Radio imposed a ban on Solo Harmonium because of the limitation of the instrument in faithfully producing the desired tones/shrutis and meeds, which are the essentials of Indian Classical Music. Solo Harmonium was banned with effect from 1st march, 1940.

(c) and (d). After careful consideration of the representations received in this regard, it was decided not to lift the ban.

Dailies, Weeklies etc. Published In Bangalore

6646. PROF. K. VENKATAGIRI GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies, monthly Newspapers and magazines published in Bangalore;

(b) the number of newspapers which changed their periodicity;

(c) the number of news papers which were debarred from getting their newsprint quota during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(d) the action taken to curb black-marketing in newsprint?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There are 91 dailies, 1.90 weeklies, 172 for nighties, and 393 monthlies as on 31.12.1989.

(b) Two newspapers changed their periodicity during the calendar year 1989.

(c)	1989-90	:	2
	1990-91	:	14

(d) A constant effort is made to check the demand and minimise the diversion of news print towards non-legitimate areas of consumption. This is sought to be achieved by modifying the New sprint Allocation Policy from time to time and monitoring the lifting and consumption of newsprint.

[*Translation*]

Grants provided by Khadi Gramodyog Commission

6647. SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the total amount of grants and loans provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and Khadi Gramodyog Board, Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons, families and institutions to which the loans have been provided;

(c) the number of persons, families and institutions out of them belong to the rural areas;

(d) whether both the said agencies have any scheme at block level to provide training to rural youth to earn their livelihood by self-employment; and

(e) if so, the locations thereof and details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The total amount of grants and loans provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) which includes Board for implementation of Khadi and village Industries Programme in the Union Territory of Delhi during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Amount		(Rs. In lakhs)
	Grant	Loan	
1987-88	157.58		16.24
1988-89	191.58		33.93
1989-90	197.56		61.22

(b) As on 31.3.1990, the delhi Khadi and Village Industries Board has financed 5260 individuals/families, 15 Registered Institutions and 2 co-operatives and the KVIC has financed 14 directly-aided Institutions.

(c) The production units are mostly located in rural areas.

(d) and (e). KVIC has a training centre at

Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi which provides training to rural youth in Village Industries.

[*English*]

Suspension of the supply of palmolein

6648. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: