

tries Department in Tripura through Production-cum-Training Centres;

(b) the subjects taught in I.T.I. Training Establishment at Indranagar, Agartala; and

(c) the number of students trained so far through the Industries Department?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Blacksmithy, carpentry, Tailoring, Weaving, Horns, bones, tusks, Cane and Bamboo.

(b) (i) *Engineering:* Electrician, Mechanic (motor) Welding, Turning, Fitter, carpentry, Blacksmithy, and Moulding sheet metal.

(ii) *Non-Engineering:* Weaving, Basketry, Stenography.

(c) 2471.

Weavers' Colonies in Tripura

472. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for setting up weavers' colonies in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Price of Wool and Woollen Cloth

473. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cost of woollen cloth has gone up very much this year;

(b) the steps that are being taken by Government to reduce the prices of Wool and Woollen cloth; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for the increase in prices?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Some reports have appeared in the Press that the prices of woollen hosiery goods have gone up;

(b) the prices of worsted weaving yarn, hosiery yarn, grey hand-knitting yarn and hosiery fabrics have been fixed by Government. This, it is expected, will help in maintaining the prices of woollen goods at a reasonable level.

(c) Restricted availability of imported raw materials and the increasing requirements for emergency needs tend to affect prices.

Interest Free Loans to Industrial Concerns

474. Dr. Ranen Sen: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the industrial concerns who have been granted interest-free loans by the Central Government during the last 10 years; and

(b) total amount of loans granted to each concern during the same period?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Collection of information regarding the loans granted to each industrial concern during the last ten years would involve considerable amount of labour. If the enquiry is limited to a particular industry or industrial concern, this can be collected.

Working Group on Industrial Cooperatives

475. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 451 on the 20th August, 1962 and state:

(a) how many meetings of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperatives have so far been held and how many study tours have been undertaken by the Group; and