

**Demand of Khadi and Village Industry
Employees**

1279. DR. CHINTA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any demand from the representatives of the workers of the Khadi and Village Industry for providing minimum wages and other facilities to the workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

New Job Opportunities In Rural Areas

1280. DR. CHINTA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 9 January, 1991 captioned "D.S.T. creates 5,000 jobs in rural India";

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered the proposal of the Department of Science and Technology for creation of 10,000 new job opportunities during the year 1990-91;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating any scheme to extend the proposed programme in other parts of the country also; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A scheme entitled "Mass Employment Generation through Science and Technology (MEGSAT)", was launched in April 1990 by the Department of Science and Technology under the aegis of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB). A target for creation of 10,000 new job opportunities was set for 1990-91. The MEGSAT Scheme is being implemented under 2 strategies viz. (a) creation of job through establishment of new industrial units by Science and

Technology persons and (b) creation of jobs by imparting skill development training in different trades. Most of the training programmes under the scheme have been conducted and in some cases, a few programmes are in progress in various parts of the country. So far, 9071 jobs have been created through the scheme during the year.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Sales Tax Raids in Delhi

1281. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The number of raids carried out by the Sales Tax Department, Delhi during the last 12 months and the outcome thereof; and

(b) the steps taken to check evasion of Sales Tax in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Sales Tax Department, Delhi carried out 2447 raids during the last 12 months (from February, 1990 to January, 1991). In 182 cases, incriminating documents were seized/surrendered.

(b) The Enforcement Branch of Sales Tax Department, Delhi carried out surprise inspections/raids on;

- (i) dealers who shift their place of business frequently;
- (ii) newly registered dealers, who after obtaining registration certificates, engage themselves in activity detrimental to revenue;
- (iii) dealers against whom complaints are received; and
- (iv) dealers against whom adverse material is gathered.

Involvement of IAS Officers in Various Offences

1282. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA:
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LODHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAS officers found involved in the dowry/torture deaths of their spouses, rape and plural marriages, misappropriation of funds, economic offences and misuse of power during the last three years;

(b) action taken against each one of them; and

(c) the present position of cases pending against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telecast of Hindi Films on Saturdays by Delhi Doordarshan

1283. SHRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Doordarshan switched over to telecasting of Hindi films on national network from Sundays to Saturdays;

(b) if so, whether the revenue from advertisements has come down due to the above switchover;

(c) if so, the revenue earned earlier and after switching over to Saturdays, and

(d) whether there is any proposal to switch over to telecasting of Hindi films on Sundays only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The trend of bookings of advertisements with Hindi feature films is presently the same as was before the change over.

(d) No, Sir.

Plan to Make Wastelands Productive

1284. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: