

**Subsidy for 12 spindle new model Charkha**

5405. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : will the Minister of INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of 12 spindle new model Charkha for hand spinning recently developed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the estimated cost of one unit;

(b) the steps taken by KVIC to propagate about this new model among the handloom weavers;

(c) whether Government propose to give subsidy in the sale of this 12 spindle new model charkha to help the artisans; and

(d) if so, the extent thereof and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The salient features of 12-spindle New Model Charkha are :-

- (i) The stand of the Charkha is made of angles and frame is made of sheet metal of 10 gauge.
- (ii) Being sturdy these Charkhas have very long life.
- (iii) It is a pedal operated Charkha and treadles are made of cast iron.
- (iv) The 10 ball bearing points make it very light in operation.
- (v) These Charkhas are tested for load under B.S.I. standard to maintain the load at less than 1/10 H.P.

The Charkha is sanctioned to implementing agencies in units consisting of 25 Charkhas and four fly frames which supply the necessary rovings for spinning on the Charkha. One unit

consisting of 25 Charkhas with 12 spindles each and four fly frames costs Rs. 1.20 lakhs.

(b) The 12 spindle New Model Charkha units are sanctioned to institutions engaged in production of khadi. These institutions are provided 100% loan towards the cost of the Charkha. The institutions implementing the khadi programme also have the necessary support for weaving through handloom weavers registered with the institutions.

(c) and (d). The Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provide 100% loan to the institutions implementing khadi programme towards the cost of the 12 spindle New Model Charkha units. There is no proposal at present under the consideration of the Government or the Commission for giving any subsidy on the new model charkha units.

**Production of Cashew nut shell liquid**

5406. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual production of Cashew nut shell liquid ; and

(b) how much of it is utilized as raw material within the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). No firm figure of actual production of Cashew Nut Shell Liquid is available. However, the estimated production of Cashew Nut Shell Liquid is 23,000 tonnes per annum, which is used in the manufacture of special types of paints, in insulating varnishes (for electrical industry), special types of adhesives, break lining for automobiles, phenolic resins etc.