

Inclusion of Indian Language Newspapers' Association in the Wage Board for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists

3176. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for inclusion of Indian Languages Newspapers' Association in the proposed wage board for working journalists and non-journalist in Newspaper industry

(b) if so, whether Indian Languages Newspapers Association was represented on the first and second Wage Boards ;

(c) if so, the reasons for not including the Association in the Wage Board this time ; and

(d) whether the matter of inclusion of representatives of newspaper industry was referred to Registrar of newspapers, Press Information Bureau and State Trading Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A representative of the Indian Languages Newspapers' Association has been nominated on both the Wage Boards set up for Working Journalists and the non-journalist employees of Newspaper Industry.

Cotton Cultivation in M.P.

3177. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the efforts made by Government to bring more area under cotton cultivation in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) the total hectares of land in Madhya Pradesh that have been brought under cotton cultivation in the last three years ; and

(c) the assistance given by the Centre to Madhya Pradesh for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Government has made efforts to bring more areas under cotton cultivation in Madhya Pradesh by disseminating technical know-how, organising demonstrations and subsidising certified seed and plant protection equipments.

(b) Year	Area under Cotton (Lakh ha.)
1982-83	5.80
1983-84	5.79
1984-85 (estimated)	5.39

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Government of India released Rs. 19.83 lakh in 1982-83, Rs. 23.21 lakh in 1983-84 and Rs. 35.93 lakh in 1984-85 as 50% Central Share.

Allocation for Development of Horticulture

3178. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the allocations made for development of horticulture during the last three years ;

(b) the horticultural products exported from India raw or finished ; and

(c) whether any research and development programme has been initiated or carried out for the purpose of preserving, canning and juice making of fruits like mangoes, oranges, lime, grapes, apples, apricot, berries and guava etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) :