

the controlled cloth and Janata cloth schemes respectively. The controlled cloth is supplied to this group of people through the State designated agencies, fair price shops etc. The Janata cloth is distributed to weaker sections of the general public through the outlets owned by State Handloom Development Corporations, Handloom Apex Societies, Consumer Cooperative Societies (including Super Bazaar), other forms of cooperative societies, fair price shops, civil supplies outlets etc.

Production Linked Bonus In Defence Establishments

4198. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether production linked bonus is given to the employees of Defence establishments every year,

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to give them bonus this year also, and

(c) if so, how much and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir Productivity Linked Bonus is given to eligible employees of Ordnance Factories and Allied Establishments and certain selected units under the Department of Defence, which fulfil criteria for such bonus laid down by the Ministry of Finance.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration.

Helicopter Service for Tourism in Hilly Areas of U.P.

4199. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering to introduce helicopter service for the devel-

opment of tourism in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether talks have been held with the Helicopter Corporation of India in this respect; and

(c) if so, the places where this helicopter service will be started and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) For the development of tourism in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, Pawan Hans Limited (formerly Helicopter Corporation of India Ltd.) has a proposal to connect Dehradun with Badrinath and Kedarnath.

(b) Pawan Hans Limited has held discussions with Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam for commencement of helicopter services to connect Dehradun with Badrinath and Kedarnath

(c) It is proposed to connect Dehradun with Badrinath and Kedarnath with stops enroute at Guptakashi and Joshimath. If weather permits, trial flight is proposed to be conducted by first week of September and regular flights are proposed at the end of the monsoon period.

Sick Major Mills in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

4200 SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh lying sick permanently and the capital of Government blocked therein;

(b) the names of the permanent sick major mills in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and the effective steps taken by Government during the last three years to remove their sickness and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether some of the mills of Bihar (like Durga Textile—Meerganj) have