

(a) the number of freedom fighters from Andhra Pradesh who have been sanctioned Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension upto April, 1980 as also number of those who have been sanctioned this pension upto December, 1985; and

(b) the number of applications found fake during scrutiny and the action taken against such persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a)

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| (i) Sanctioned upto April, 1980     | —5322 |
| (ii) Sanctioned upto December, 1986 | —7955 |

(b) Upto December, 1986, 16,347 applications were rejected as the applicants were not found eligible under the provisions of the Scheme. No other action is taken except rejecting such applications.

**Master Plan for development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh.**

607. SHRI V. SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Master Plan of development of Tourism has been formulated for Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) There is no Master Plan as such.

(b) Does not arise.

**Impact of alternative packing materials on jute industry.**

608. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that jute industry

had been adversely affected due to the development of alternative packaging materials; and

(b) the number of jute industries closed down and the number of workers affected as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Jute industry is facing stiff competition from development of alternative packaging materials.

(b) Because of various reasons including labour trouble and financial difficulties, nine jute mills involving 42100 workes are lying closed at present.

**Mulberry silk cultivation in Karnataka**

609. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India is taking steps to promote the mulberry silk cultivation in the Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Department and to provide R&D support for the development of mulberry cultivation in Karnataka, Central Silk Board has established the following units in the State :

- (i) Central Sericulture Research & Training Institute with 10 Research Extension Centres;
- (ii) 2 Regional Research Stations;
- (iii) 10 Silkworm Seed Production Centres; and
- (iv) 4 Basic Seed Cocoon Farms.