

(b) The Cooperative Sugar Factories in production are at Aska (Ganjam district) and Bargarh (Sambalpur District); and those under installation are at Nayagarh (Puri district) and Baramba (Cuttack district).

(c) All the four Cooperative Sugar Factories in the State have received assistance from the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

(d) and (e). Central assistance is provided to National Cooperative Development Corporation for the programme of cooperative sugar factories in the country. NCDC release assistance to individual factories. During the last three years, the following cooperative sugar factories have been provided assistance as detailed below :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1. Bargarh	...	91.50
2. Nayagarh	...	40.00
3. Baramba	...	30.00

**Increase in rate of Gratuity due to fall in value of Rupee**

3924. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the amount of gratuity in view of the serious fall in value of the rupee since the last gratuity rate was fixed;

(b) if not, the manner in, which workers would be compensated for this fall; and

(c) whether other retirement benefits would also be added to gratuity to encourage workers to leave their jobs early ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) and (b). There is at present no proposal either to increase the amount or to compensate the workers in any other way for fall in the value of rupee.

(b) No, Sir.

#### D.D.A. Advertisements

3925. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount Delhi Development Authority spent during the last two years on newspaper and other advertisements;

(b) total sum spent on informing allottees of flats/plots about their allotments; and

(c) sum spent to inform allottees about the delay and causes of delay in allotment through advertisements ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Rupees 104.30 lakhs (during 1983-84 and 1984-85).

(b) Rupees 8.10 Lakhs.

(c) Rupees 0.02 Lakhs.

#### Setting up of a Commercial Service for the Gulf Countries

3926. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio is setting up a commercial service for the Gulf countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that our present AIR External Services are so weak as to be useless; and

(c) the kilowatt strength of our present transmitters for external services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) In its draft 7th Plan proposals, AIR has included a scheme to