

साथ गलतफहमियों को दूर करने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा किए गए प्रयत्नों का भी उल्लेख है।

Workers' participation in Industry at Shop Floor and Plant Level

640. SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by his Ministry to implement the scheme for workers' participation in industry at shop floor and plant level; and

(b) the response received from the managements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b). A Scheme for Workers' participation in Industry at Shop Floor and Plant Levels was introduced by the Government through their Resolution of October 30, 1975 to cover industrial establishments employing 500 or more employees in the manufacturing and mining industries all over the country. Copies of the Resolution were sent to all State Governments, Union Territories, Central Ministries, Bureau of Public Enterprises and Central Organisations of Employers and Workers for purpose of setting up shop councils and joint councils envisaged in the Scheme. The Union Labour Minister also wrote to all Chief Ministers and State Labour Ministers to secure implementation of the Scheme. Necessary measures were also taken for giving due publicity to the Scheme through various media like radio, television, etc. to acquaint the workers and management of the basic principles of the Scheme. The Scheme was also reviewed in the Conferences of Chief Ministers and Labour Ministers during 1976 with a view to improving the working of the Scheme. The Scheme has, by and large, been well received in the country. In many States, the Scheme has been modified

to extend it to units employing less than 500 workers. According to the information received by the end of May 1977 from 25 State Governments undertakings, 2013 units in public as well as private sector have implemented the Scheme or taken steps to do so or have made alternative arrangements to implement it.

Plans to provide Post Office in every Village

641. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to provide a post office in every village irrespective of the required number of population; and

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to reduce the difficulties of villages who do not have post office facilities within a range of five miles?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Madam.

(b) The following steps have been taken to provide postal facilities in villages without post offices:—

(i) All village Postmen and Extra Departmental Delivery Agents are now required to carry postage stamps and postage stationery with them, while on their beats, for sale to the villagers.

(ii) About 96 per cent villages in India have been covered under the Daily Delivery Scheme. Efforts are continuing to cover the remaining villages under this scheme during 1977-78.

(iii) In villages where there are no Post Offices, agents have been appointed for sale of postage stamps and postage stationery on commission basis. More such agents will be appointed in 1977-78.

(iv) More letter boxes are being installed in villages without Post Office/letter boxes.

Providing Yoga-Therapy in Hospitals of Country

642. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state,

(a) whether the Yoga Therapy has been provided for the first time in CGHS hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many centres are there for Yoga Therapy in Delhi; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for providing Yoga Therapy in various hospitals all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) to (c). Yoga Therapy has been provided by CGHS not in hospitals but at a CGHS dispensary. A regular Yoga Centre has been established at CGHS Dispensary, Chitragupta Road to impart training to CGHS Beneficiaries in Yoga Therapy. The Central Government have not so far formulated any scheme for providing Yoga Therapy in various hospitals all over the country. Moreover, Health being a State subject, it is for the State/Union Territory Governments to look into the necessity of formulating/establishing Yoga Centre in hospitals located within their territories. However, as part of Rural Health Scheme it is proposed to impart training in Yoga through Community Health workers.

Bhutan King's Visit to India

643. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the King of Bhutan had recently visited India; and

(b) if so, the salient points of the talks held with him?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The King of Bhutan paid an informal visit to India between April 23 to 25, 1977.

(b) The opportunity was taken to re-affirm the very friendly, warm and special relations between India and the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Malnutrition Problem

644. SHRI K. KOLANATHAIVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of malnutrition in India is grave, being the major cause of maternal and infant mortality, morbidity and blindness;

(b) whether our Research Institutes have succeeded in evolving an inexpensive but nutritious diet which can be within the reach of the weaker sections;

(c) if so, the extent to which the community have been entrusted to take up such diet; and

(d) the steps proposed for combating the grave problem of malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) Considering the estimated deaths of 0.5 million children as a result of severe malnutrition and the deaths which occur to a great extent due to malnutrition from diseases like gastro-enteritis, measles, whooping cough T.B. etc., incidence of blindness amongst children under 5 years of age of nearly 7 per cent of our child population and the prevalence rate of 50 per cent of anaemia in pregnant women, the problem of malnutrition can be said to be considerable, if not grave.

(b) Yes, but a good percentage of poor people cannot adopt this diet due to their limited purchasing capacity.