

tail prices of various commodities included in the consumption basket of industrial workers based on Family Budget Surveys conducted in 1958-59 in 50 industrial centres in the country.

Government have recently constituted a Committee to go into various aspects of the Consumer Price Index Numbers for industrial workers and make recommendations.

Evolution of National Minimum Wage

1597. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to define (i) fair wage, (ii) the need-based wage and (iii) living wage in the context of the present socio-economic conditions; and

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to evolve a national minimum wage and quantify it, in terms of the present cost of living indices?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VERMA): (a) and (b). The Government is seized of the need for evolution of a national wage policy which among other things, would take into account the concept of need-based wage, fair wage and living wage as also the feasibility of a national minimum wage.

Unemployment due to closures and lay-off

1598. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons rendered unemployed due to closures, lock-out and lay-off separately during the period from April, 1976 to March, 1977, industry-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation arising out of it?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VERMA): (a) and (b). The requisite information is being collected from the State Governments/ Union Territories and will be laid out in the Table of the Sabha in due course.

भारत तथा पाकिस्तान में पवित्र स्थानों की देखभाल

1599. श्री नबाब सिंह चौहान : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

भारत में ऐसे कितने मुस्लिम पवित्र स्थान हैं तथा पाकिस्तान में ऐसे कितने गैर-मुस्लिम पवित्र स्थान हैं जिनको पन्त-मिर्जा करार, 1955 के अनुसार सम्बन्धित सरकारों द्वारा संरक्षण प्रदान किया गया है और उनकी देखभाल किस प्रकार हो रही है ?

विदेश मंत्री श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथाशीघ्र सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी।

Broadcasting/Transmitting licences to private parties

1600. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases in the country private broadcasting licences were granted during the last 3 years; and

(b) how many applications Government received during the last three years from individuals and