

Amount paid under Export Assistance Scheme Industry-wise

2407. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount paid under the export assistance scheme industry-wise, during the last three years;

(b) the exports made by small-scale industries and the assistance given to them under the scheme; and

(c) whether any new schemes are made to give better incentives to this sector so that they can increase their exports and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

(a) A statement (Annexure-A) showing total amount disbursed as cash compensatory support to the major product groups during the last three years is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1250/77].

(b) Separate statistics showing exports made by SSI units and the amounts paid as cash compensatory support to these units are not maintained. Moreover, products made by SSI Sector are also exported by large scale units.

Under the Import policy for Registered Exporters, the SSI units are given several special facilities. A brief statement summarising these facilities is (Annexure-B) laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1250/77].

(c) The facilities being made available to the SSI units are constantly kept under review and necessary changes are announced at the time of the revision of the Import Policy every year.

National Wage Board to study National Wage Policy

2408. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT:
SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to have National Wage Policy;

(b) what action Government have taken in this matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a National Wage Board or a Committee to study the problem and suggest constructive ways?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c). The Government has decided that a comprehensive study on Wages, Incomes and Prices Policy should be undertaken immediately with a view to evolving an integrated Policy on Wages, Incomes and Prices. The Government has set up, in October, 1977, a Study Group on Wages, Incomes and Prices under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Bhoothalingam. The Study Group has been asked to prepare a draft Policy on wages, incomes and prices.

Iron and Manganese Ore lying in Orissa State

2409. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 20 lakh tonnes of iron ore and manganese ore are lying in different mines of the Orissa State;

(b) if so, whether it is because of the failure of the MMTC to lift the ore that such a huge stock has piled up in the mines;