

(b) and (c). A Commission of Inquiry was appointed to probe into the matter and it held the firing to be unjustified. By the time the report of the Commission became available, the then Comdt. GISF, BCCL, whose term of re-employment had expired on 24-9-1974 was no longer in service and, therefore no action could be taken against him. The then Asstt. Commandant, GISF was reverted to his substantive rank of Inspector. Departmental proceedings were also initiated against him but these have been kept in abeyance pending finalisation of the case registered by the local police against him for resorting to indiscriminate and excessive firing. No compensation was paid to the families of the victims.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The demands have been discussed with the Committee and after consideration some of them have been accepted.

**Closing of publication of Assamese and other Regional editions of Rozgar Samachar**

510. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have closed down the publication of Assamese and other regional editions of Rozgar Samachar ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b). The publication of 'Rozgar Samachar' in Assamese, Telugu, Tamil and Bengali languages has been suspended as their continuation in the present form was uneconomical and also did not serve the purpose for which they were meant. The matter was discussed in the Conference of State Minister of Information held in New Delhi on 4-11-77. The State Governments of Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala had shown their interest in the language editions being brought out from their States. Government are accordingly considering the possibility of starting these issues as regional editions with the assistance of the respective State Governments.

**Setting up of a Watch Factory in Assam**

511. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to set up a Watch Factory Unit

in Assam in the near future in the Public Sector ; and

(b) the details of other Units proposed to be set up by the H.M.T. in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI) : (a) and (b). Fourteen H.M.T. assisted watch assembly units are being set up in the various States including Meghalaya and Sikkim in the North-Eastern region. The establishment of a Hindustan Machine Tools assisted watch assembly unit in Assam will be considered when further augmentation of watch production in H.M.T. is sanctioned.

**Power crisis causing less production of paper**

512. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether frequent power crisis has resulted in less production of paper throughout the country and particularly in Assam ; and

(b) action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI) : (a) Although production of all types of paper and paper board is expected to be slightly higher in the current year as compared to the previous year, there has been loss in production due to power shortage in some of the States. However, there is no report of power shortage in Assam where there is only one unit producing paper.

(b) It has been impressed on the State Electricity Boards that paper being a continuous process industry, power cuts and interruptions should be avoided. The import of diesel generating sets for captive use has also been liberalised.

**Recognition of Punjabi and Urdu as Second Language**

513. SHRI DURGA CHAND : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2181 on the 29th June, 1977 regarding recognition of Urdu as second language and state the names of States where Punjabi and Urdu have been recognised as the second language ?