

Improvement in Financial Condition of Harijans

6608. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent to which the financial condition of the Harijans in the country has been improved during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): The assessment of the improvements in the financial conditions of the Harijans in the country would require extensive and detailed studies. No information on this scale and magnitude is available. The Planning Commission in the Draft Five Year Plan 1978-83, has made references to the financial conditions of Harijans, like the following:—

“The prevalence of poverty and inequality, virtually unchanged over the years, can be seen most clearly in the conditions of life of the two disadvantaged groups in our society, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes... So far they have been only marginally involved in the process of development... Scheduled Castes generally constitute a substantial fraction of the population below the poverty line. They have few assets and are generally dependent on share-cropping or agricultural labour.”

Charter of Demands by Employees of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project

6609. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the charter of demands submitted by the employees of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project is pending consideration with Government for more than five years and as a result the employees

have now threatened to go on an indefinite hunger strike to press the Government to meet their demand in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to take a decision in the matter and preventing the hunger strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE ATOMIC ENERGY (PROF SHER SINGH): (a), (b) and (c). No, Sir. A charter of demands was submitted in June 1977 by the employees of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project. Conciliation proceedings were held. But they failed. There was then a strike in the Station from September 8, 1977 to January 7, 1978. After the strike was called off unconditionally a series of discussion were held with the Union leaders upto the level of Union Labour Minister. Certain concessions were offered to the employees with a view to an amicable settlement. The Union, however, rejected the offer. Two workmen representing non-recognised union started relay hunger strike on March 12, 1979. In addition another workmen commenced hunger strike on March 19, 1979 and was removed by the police on March 26, 1979. Conciliation proceedings with the recognised Union are in progress.

कारों, स्कूटर्स और टायरों तथा ट्यूबों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

6610. श्री धर्मसिंह भाई पटेल : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1978, तथा 28 फरवरी, 1979 को टैक्टरों, ट्रकों, मोटरकारों, स्कूटर्स, माइकिलो तथा ट्यूबों और टायरों के दाम क्या क्या थे ;

(ख) क्या इनके मूल्य घटाने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही की गई ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उसका ध्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इनके मूल्यों को कब तथा कैसे कम किया जाएगा ?