

(ख) राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम, विभिन्न राज्यों के विशेष रोजगार कार्यक्रम स्व-रोजगार कार्यक्रम, प्रशिक्षण के लिए कार्यक्रम आदि की तरह की कई योजनाएँ कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं जो या तो नए रोजगार अवसर सृजित करने में सहायता देंगी या बेरोजगारों को स्व-रोजगार प्राप्त कराने में सहायक होंगी। ये योजनाएँ श्रेणी 41 ग्रुप 'घ' के कर्मचारियों का भी ध्यान रखेंगी।

Payment of Minimum Wages by Private Companies

2220. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH;

SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that employers are not paying full wages to their employees as per Government orders and in pursuance of the Minimum Wages Act; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure payment of minimum wages to the employees by various employers and particularly the limited and private limited companies in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. VENKATA REDDY): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the complaints about non-implementation of the Minimum Wages Act. Whenever specific complaints are received they are investigated by the Inspecting Officers and if found correct appropriate action under the Law is taken against the defaulting employers. It has also been decided to strengthen the enforcement machinery with a view to ensure more effective implementation of the Act.

Price Rise of Paper

2221. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the price of paper;

(b) if so, the extent of rise in price allowed; and

(c) the steps to ensure availability of paper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). It has been decided to revise the price of white printing paper to Rs. 3500/- per tonne having regard to increase in the cost of production.

(c) Adequate capacity is being set up to meet the country's requirement of paper and with the expected improvement in power and coal availability, it would be possible to achieve higher capacity utilisation leading to increased production. Government are also importing Writing and Printing Paper to meet the requirements of consumers.

Review of Working of ESIs

2222. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint a high level panel to review the working of ESI Scheme; and

(b) if so, its composition and terms of reference?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. VENKATA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition and terms of the Committee are being finalised.

Robbery in Rampura, Delhi

2223. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the robbery which took place on the 22nd July, 1980 in Rampura, Delhi;

(b) whether all the culprits involved in the robbery have since been arrested;