

revision of pay-scales of this category of staff, which will be done in due course as per the prescribed procedure.

Setting up of Bagasse-Based Paper Plants

4208. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bagasse-based paper project at an estimated cost of Rs. 180 crores is sought to be executed by the Tamil Nadu Government;

(b) whether in financing this project the World Bank is going to provide a loan of Rs. 80 crores;

(c) whether Central Government is also going to provide any assistance; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Central Government propose to chalk out and execute similar bagasse-based paper projects for the manufacture of (i) newsprint, (ii) other kinds of paper, in other areas of the country, particularly U.P. and Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The Government of Tamil Nadu propose to establish a bagasse based mill for the manufacture of paper/newsprint, at an estimated cost Rs. 180 crores.

(b) The World Bank is actively considering extending loan assistance of Rs. 81 crores for the project.

(c) The All India Financing Institutions will consider extending financial assistance to this project after they complete their appraisal of the same.

(d) & (e) Government have announced a package of measures to promote bagasse based paper projects. As the Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. are already having in hand four paper/newsprint projects in Nagaland, Assam & Kerala, there is no proposal to take up the execution of any further projects at present.

Firings in Country

4209. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
SHRI B. V. DESAI:
SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:
SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of firings in the various parts of the country during the current year so far, State-wise;

(b) the total number of deaths and loss of property due to these firings and the main reasons therefor; and

(c) whether these firings were from the State police, BSF, etc. and whether army also opened fire in many places; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments/U.T. Administrations, Central Police Organisations, Army Headquarters, etc. and will be placed on the Table of the House on its receipt.

Financial Credit to Small Scale Sector

4210. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial credit of Rs. 1500 crores per annum is made available to small scale sector with a production turnover of Rs. 15000 crores annually;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the small scale sector is taking recourse to private financiers at high interest;

(c) whether this has led to closure of many of small scale units for want of finance; and

(d) steps being taken to rescue the small scale sector from the clutches of money-lenders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) A Statement showing the Advances of all Scheduled Commercial Banks to Small Scale Industries as on the last Friday