

**Statement**

*The Number of cases in Himachal Pradesh (District-wise) Not yet Finalised.*

District	FF	INA	Total
Hamirpur . . . . .	6	36	42
Bilaspur . . . . .	12	28	40
Una . . . . .	1	17	18
Kangra . . . . .	16	49	65
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>165</b>

This also includes the number of fresh applications received under the liberalisation of the Pension Scheme from 1-8-1980, which are entertained upto 31st July, 1981.

**Palekar award**

7599. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has received a representation dated the 26th February, 1981 from the employees of Ajanta of Aurangabad, Maharashtra regarding the grievances of non-implementation of the Palekar Award;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c). A letter dated 26/2/81 was received from three employees of the Ajanta Daily of Aurangabad, Maharashtra requesting amendment of the recommendations of the Tribunals of Working Journalists and Non-journalist Newspaper Employees so that the bill collectors might be eligible for better scale of pay and better service conditions. The Government have already accepted the recommendations of The Tribunals (except

those relating to DA) with certain modifications. Order to this effect has already been issued on 26-12-80. There is no proposal to amend the orders.

**Scheme for funding research projects for SC and ST Voluntary Organisations**

7600. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific scheme of his Ministry for funding research projects from independent scholars/voluntary organisations on problems of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the National and Regional levels;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Provision exists in the budget of the Ministry of Home Affairs for supporting research projects of all-India of inter-State nature sponsored by autonomous organisation. Independent scholars are not generally