

Streamlining the functioning of Udyog Bhawan Co-operative Canteen

1279. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific steps have been taken to streamline the functioning of Udyog Bhawan Co-operative Canteen Ltd.;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that employees of the aforesaid canteen are not getting their salary regularly but irregularly scattered over the whole month;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Canteen is running under loss;

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the losses and to increase its profitability;

(f) whether it is a fact that over-staffing of the Canteen is also one of the factors causing losses; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to streamline the staffing pattern?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Canteen Management have reported that better supervision and more effective inspection by members of the Managing Committee have been introduced in the Canteen to prevent avoidable wastage of articles, loss of revenue and better service.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to paucity of funds salary of some of the employees are paid a little late by the canteen.

(d) and (e). The canteen is financially weak. Efforts are, therefore, being made to bring it up on sound footing by introduction of better supervision, by periodically revising prices to match the increase in the prices of raw-materials and by aiming at increased turn-over in order to increase the profitability of the canteen.

(f) and (g). The present turnover of the canteen is not commensurate with the existing staff. It has been decided by the management not to recruit more workers and to utilise the existing manpower to increase the turnover.

Expenditure on Rajbhasha Patrika

1280. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred annually on the publication of Rajbhasha Patrika by the Department of official Language;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not so far provided adequate staff to bring out this publication properly; and

(c) what steps are being taken to make this publication a self-sufficient one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The year-wise expenditure incurred on the publication of the quarterly Hindi Patrika 'Rajbhasha Bharti' published by the Department of official Language and the staff is given below:-

1978-79 (1) Expenditure on publication-Rs. 69320.26 (Four Numbers).

(2) Expenditure on staff Rs. 25083.65.

1979-80 (1) Expenditure on publication Rs. 52613.33 (Three Numbers).

(2) Expenditure on staff Rs. 26282.10

(b) One post of a Sub-Editor and one post of a Hindi Stenographer have been sanctioned for "Rajbhasha Bharti". These officers work under the editorial supervision of a Senior Research Officer. Appointment of some additional staff for Patrika is also under consideration.