

mats from the fibre of pineapple leaves was submitted to Government by a concern called "Thom Fibre Works, Kottayam";

(b) whether Government have examined the scheme; and

(c) if so, the result of the examination?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The scheme is under examination.

Aid for Industrial Development

204. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to Demand No. 2, Industrial Development Grants to private parties on page 13 of Demands for Grants for the year 1957-58, Vol. I and lay a statement showing the names of parties and the amount paid to each of them by the Government of India as grants State-wise during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 70].

Karnatak Khadi Board

205. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1478 on the 10th September, 1957 regarding Karnataka Khadi Board and state:

(a) whether the Information sought for has since been collected and will be laid on the Table;

(b) whether there is only one board for Khadi and Village Industries for the whole of the New Mysore State; and

(c) the headquarters of each zonal branch?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) There are no zonal branches of the Mysore State Khadi and Village Industries Board which is headquartered at Bangalore. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has, however, a zonal office located at Dharwar for the Mysore State.

Conference of State Ministers of Industries

206. Shri Warior: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total expenses incurred so far as the Government of India is concerned on the Conference of Industries Ministers of States held recently in Delhi in connection with development of the small scale industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): No conference of the Industries Ministers of the States was recently held in New Delhi to discuss problems for the development of small scale industries. The ninth meeting of the Small Scale Industries Board was however, held in New Delhi on the 28th and 29th September, 1957, to consider the measures to be adopted for the development of Small Scale Industries. Apart from the members of the Board who had attended the meeting, Ministers of Industries of some of the State Governments attended by special invitation. Their T.A. and D.A. are met by the State Governments concerned.

Figures regarding total expenditure incurred by the Government of India on account of payment of T.A. and D.A. to Central Government Officers coming from outside Delhi, and non-official members are not yet available. An expenditure of Rs. 706/- had been incurred by the Government of India on some of the items.