

(c) the number of persons rendered unemployed by the closure of these mills and factories;

(d) the reasons for the closure of the factories and the shifts; and

(e) the measures Government have taken to secure the opening of the mills and shifts and for the re-employment of workers?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) During the period from November, 1956, to November, 1957, 20 textile mills, 121 seasonal factories and 11 other factories were closed.

(b) This information is not readily available.

(c) About 4,188, 10,765 and 1,939 workers were rendered unemployed by the closure of the textile mills, seasonal and other factories; respectively

(d) The closures are due to a number of reasons, such as financial difficulties, trade depression, accumulation of stock, shortage of raw materials etc.

(e) The Bombay Government has appointed a Court of Enquiry to ascertain the reasons for the closure of one of the textile mills and to examine whether the closure is justified. The Commissioner of Labour, Bombay, is affording assistance to the textile workers who have been rendered unemployed.

Khadi and Gramodyog Institutions

1857. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private Khadi and Gramodyog institutions certified by the Khadi Commission, in the new Mysore State;

(b) the amount paid in the form of grants and loans to these institutions for the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(c) whether the above institutions have submitted their audited annual reports for these years to Government; and

(d) if so, whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 188.

(b)

Year	Grants	Loans
	Rs.	Rs.
1954-55	2,79,661	22,000
1955-56	5,13,831	17,000
1956-57	7,74,612	94,500

(c) Not yet, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Black-Smithy Training Centres in Madras

1887-A. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) how many black-smithy training centres were opened in Madras State during 1955-56 and 1957-58 so far; and

(b) how many students have received or are receiving training in those centres?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Only one training centre viz., the Industrial Training Institute, T. Nagar, Madras, was imparting training in the trade of black-smithy in the State of Madras during 1955-56 and another centre at Cuddalore has been opened during the year 1957-58

(b) Eleven students were trained during 1955-56 and 32 were under training at the end of October, 1957.

Low Income Group Housing Scheme

1888. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether the Government of Madras have requested the Central Government for increase of funds to assist the Low Income Group Housing Scheme?