

(b) if so, whether Government have considered and examined the report, and

(c) if so, the result thereof and whether Government propose to establish a newsprint factory in public sector in this region?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The Finnish Experts' recommendations have been considered by the Government. The suggestions made by them involve long term developments in the forest areas of the Punjab in order to ensure adequate supplies of raw materials to sustain a fullfledged newsprint mill. The question of establishing a newsprint mill based on indigenous raw materials there, if at all, is thus only a long term possibility. In these circumstances, the Government do not envisage in the near future the establishment of a newsprint mill based on the forest resources of the Beas basin.

Ambar Charkha Programme in Madras

3784 { Shri Subbiah Ambalam
Shri Ganapathy:
Shri S R Arumugham

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the number of instructors, spinners and carpenters trained under the Ambar Charkha Programme in Madras State during 1958-59,

(b) the number of spinners, weavers, and carpenters working under this programme at present in Madras State,

(c) the additional employment provided during 1958-59 in Madras State

(d) the number of Parishramalayas, Vidyalayas and Karyalayas functioning at present in Madras State;

(e) the total amount given by way of grants and loans to Madras State during 1958-59; and

(f) the quantity of yarn produced by the Ambar Charkha in Madras State during the above period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) Up to the end of February, 1959, 286 instructors, 7,440 spinners and 29 carpenters were trained during 1958-59

(b) Up to the end of February, 1959, 11,567 spinners' families, 893 weavers' families and 111 carpenters were given employment under the Ambar Charkha Programme

(c) Up to the end of February, 1959, additional employment was provided to 6,763 spinners' families, 273 weavers' families, 286 instructors, 63 carpenters, three assistants and 74 others under the Ambar Charkha Programme during 1958-59

(d) According to the information available with the Khadi & Village Industries Commission up to the end of February, 1959, 64 Parishramalayas, 6 Vidyalayas and 10 Saranjam Karyalayas are functioning in Madras State

(e) Rs 86.27 lakhs have been disbursed as grants and loans to Madras State during 1958-59

(f) 2.57 lakh lbs up to the end of February 1959

Economy in the use of Paper

3785. Shri Ram Krishna Gupta: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued by the Union Government recently to all Ministries to effect the maximum economy in the use of paper; and

(b) if so, the nature of the instructions issued?