

ly visited India to discuss collaboration between the two countries in the nuclear field; and

(b) if so, the results of the discussions?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A four member delegation from the German Democratic Republic visited India from June 6 to 9, 1982 to hold preliminary discussions on a proposed agreement for Co-operation in peaceful uses of atomic energy. The discussions were in conclusive.

Introduction of television in North Eastern Region

959. **SHRI AJOY BISWAS:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the North Eastern Council has sought the Planning Commission's approval of Rs. 28 crore to introduce television in that region in the shortest time and involving minimum expenditure;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if no steps have been taken, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) A scheme regarding the coverage of TV and strengthening of sound broadcasting system in the North Eastern Region has been worked out. The fund requirement of the scheme for the radio and television segments during the Sixth Plan period is Rs. 23 crores. Out of this, the share of the North Eastern Council would be Rs. 7 crores. The proposal has been supported by the Planning Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

Reduction of period of service of Government employees to reduce unemployment

960. **SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of acute unemployment in the country, Government have formulated any scheme to reduce unemployment by reducing the period services of Government employees from 30 years to 20 years or so;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any other scheme to meet the situation of unemployment in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATSUBAIAH): (a) and (b) The Central Government employees are not retired after completion of a specified period of service. They are retired, with certain exceptions, on the last day of the month in which they attain the age of 58 years. As such, the question of reducing the period of service does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Sixth Five Year Plan includes a number of measures for generating more employment, such as (a) provision of adequate outlays for labour intensive sectors like Agriculture, Irrigation, Village & Small Industries, etc; (b) Fiscal, Excise and other incentives for development of small industries; (c) preference to labour intensive technologies and processes for production of goods and services wherever feasible; (d) step-up in the rate of economic growth; (e) disaggregated approach for manpower planning and employment generation; and (f) promotion of self-employment on a large scale.

खादी ग्रामोद्योग भवन, नई दिल्ली में
कर्मचारियों के लम्बित मामले

961. **श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खादी ग्रामोद्योग भवन, नई दिल्ली के कर्मचारियों के अनेक मामले खादी आयोग के प्रधान कार्यालय में कई वर्ष से लम्बित पड़े हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे कब से लम्बित हैं और खादी आयोग उन मामलों को कब तक निपटायेंगा ; और

(ग) क्या खादी आयोग का विचार भविष्य में ऐसी समस्याओं को विभागीय तौर पर निर्धारित समय में हल करने के कुछ नियम बनाने का है ?

उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी): (क) से (ग) खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के केन्द्रीय कार्यालय में खादी ग्रामोद्योग भवन, नई दिल्ली के कर्मचारियों के व्यक्तिगत मामलों को निपटाने में कोई अनुचित विलम्ब नहीं हुआ है। फिर भी आयोग में दो मामले कुछ समय से अनिर्णीत हैं। एक मामला कर्मचारियों की वरिष्ठता सूची में आर्थिक रूप से संशोधन करने के सम्बन्ध में है और इस पर श्रम आयुक्त दिल्ली द्वारा दिए हुए निर्णय को ध्यान में रखते हुए विचार किया जा रहा है। दूसरा मामला जिसके बारे में एक औद्योगिक विवाद उठाया गया है, एक कर्मचारी की वरिष्ठता/पदान्ति से सम्बन्धित है और यह 1979 से अनिर्णीत है।

विलम्ब को सामान्य नियंत्रण द्वारा रोकने के उपाय किए जा रहे हैं और आयोग सभी अनिर्णीत मामलों को शीघ्रता से निपटाने का प्रयत्न कर रहा है।

Price of Maruti Cars

962. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. has decided to have technical collaboration with M/s. Suzuki (Japan);

(b) whether under this collaboration low-priced cars would be manufactured; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Maruti Udyog Limited has applied to the Government for approval of their proposed collaboration with M/s. Suzuki Motor Company Limited of Japan.

(b) and (c) The objective of Maruti Udyog Limited is to manufacture modern, fuel efficient, automobiles at economical prices employing economies in scale of manufacture. The actual price of the vehicle will depend on the investment to be made, the phased manufacturing programme, extent of in-house manufacture, rates of customs and excise duty etc.

Study of programme evaluation organisation about gap in availability of infrastructure in backward areas

963. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study of the Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) has highlighted 'the serious gaps' in the availability of infrastructure in backward areas; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken such as introduction of new railway lines and other communication systems in the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. An Evaluation Study on Concessional Finance and Other Incentives in Industrially Backward Areas conducted by Programme Evaluation Organisation reveals serious gaps in the infrastructure in such areas.

(b) To remove gaps in the existing infrastructure in backward areas, projects such as new railway lines and other communication systems are being considered from time to time for inclusion in the Five Year Plans and Annual Plans subject to availability of resources.

News item caption "L. K. Jha on mission to get scientists back"

964. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

PROF. P. J. KURIEN:

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem under the caption "L. K. JHA on mission to get