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primary and secondary schools, specially in Union Territories have applied for the posts of peons on economic grounds;

(b) if so, the number of such cases; and

(c) the efforts Government are making or propose to make so that this situation may end?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). No such cases have come to the notice of Government so far as the Union Territories are concerned as the lowest scales of pay of teachers in these Territories are higher than. the scales of peons.

A few cases pertaining to primary teachers have, however, been reported from certain States.

(c) Efforts are being made to improve the total remuneration in the shape of pay and dearness allowance, payable to teachers in the States concerned.

समाज कल्याण केन्द्र

६६७. श्री खुझवक्त राय : क्या झिक्ता मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रागामी वर्ष से समाज कल्याण केन्द्रों के कल्याण कार्यक्रम के वर्तमान स्वरूप में कुछ विशेष परिवर्तन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह क्या होगा ;

(ग) क्या विभिन्न राज्यों के समाज कल्याण मन्त्रणा बोर्डों से इस बारे में परामर्श किया गया है; ग्रौर

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनकी क्या राय है ?

सूचना ग्रौर प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० केसकर): (क) जी हां, साभुदायिक विकास खण्डों के बाहर प्रायोजनाग्रों के मूल स्वरूप में। (स) इन प्रायोजना केन्द्रों के कार्य-कलाप जो ग्रब तक प्रायोजना कार्यान्वयन समितियों ढारा राज्य समाज कल्याण सलाह-कारी बोर्डों के पथ प्रदर्शन में किये जाते थे, प्रगले वित्त वर्ष से स्वयंसेवी संगटनों ढारा केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड के सहायक-मनुदान कार्यक्रम की मद से उपयुक्त ग्रनुदान लेकर किये जायेंगे ।

(ग) जीहां।

(घ) प्रस्तावित परिवर्तनों को वे सामान्यतः ग्रपनाने के लिये सहमत हो गये हैं।

Report on Working of Central Excise Department

998. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seven-member Committee constituted to carry out a comprehensive examination of the working of the Central Excise Department and to make recommendation for its re-organisation, has submitted any report so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): No, Sir. The Committee was constituted on 2nd November, 1960.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears of Pay

999. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrears arising out of the new pay scales as recommended by the Pay Commission have been paid to the industrial and non-industrial employees in the Ordnance Factories;

(b) if so, whether all categories of employees have been benefited;