

for various reasons such as poor performance, integrity etc. Information in regard to the names of persons whose appointments have been terminated in the last six months is being collected from the various administrative Ministries/Departments and will be pleased on the Table of the House.

Incentives to textile Mills not to affect interests of textile workers

4479. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in planning to give certain incentives to textile mills for gearing up the pace for modernisation through duty free import of broad-width looms and sophisticated machinery, whether Government are safeguarding the interest of the textile workers in the shape of non-retrenchment, non-lay-off-non-lock-out closures etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the said plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):

(a) to (c). Duty free imports of looms or sophisticated machinery is allowed for units being set up under the 100 per cent export oriented project/Free Trade Zone. There is no other proposal for allowing duty free import of such looms. Presently, for units not covered under 100 per cent export oriented project/Free Trade Zone, imports of sophisticated looms are being allowed only for replacement purposes. Government have no reports of workers being rendered unemployed due to such modernisation. However, rationalisation of labour force is to be mutually negotiated between labour and management.

Leprosy Patients haunting places of pilgrimage

4480. SHRI NARASING SURYA-WANSI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a large number of leprosy patients haunting the places of pilgrimage and other tourist attractions thereby causing harassment to the visitors; and

(b) how do Government propose to take remedial measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As this is the responsibility of the State Governments, their attention to this problem is drawn from time to time.

गया जिले के अत्रि प्रखंड के प्रत्थर की मूर्तियां बनाने वाले शिल्पी

4481. श्री कुंवर राम : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जिला के अत्रि प्रखंड में प्रत्थर की मूर्तियां बनाने वाले शिल्पियों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए क्या कोई कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो हजारों वर्ष से इस कार्य में लग परिवारों को राहत देने के लिए क्या कोई कार्यक्रम बनाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) और (ख) : जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।