

Opening of More Pass Issuing Booths of DTC

4367. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how many pass issuing booths have been opened by D.T.C. in Delhi and New Delhi areas ;

(b) whether these booths are insufficient and people have to wait hours together for new passes or to get their old passes renewed and particularly by the students ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to open more such booths for the benefit of the people ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Besides 12 pass issuing booths located at various places in Delhi and New Delhi, a Mobile Van is also sent daily to selected places to issue passes. In addition, arrangements have also been made at 60 colleges to issue passes to the Students on behalf of the D.T.C.

(b) to (d). The existing arrangements are considered to be adequate. However, to cope up with the rush on certain days when there is simultaneous demand from the public and students, the staff strength at the pass issuing points is suitably increased.

Demands of BHEL's Employees, Muzaffarpur

4368. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether copy of Memorandum dated 21 July, 1984 has been received by the Minister from All India BHEL Power Employees Union, Muzaffarpur (Bihar) ;

(b) whether they have given notice for

continuous strike from 16 August, 1984 ;

(c) if so, their demands ; and

(d) whether attempts have been made or proposed to be made for resolving the problems through negotiations ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Yes Sir ; the All India BHEL Power Employees Union, Muzaffarpur and BHEL (PP and SD) Karamchari Union, Muzaffarpur had served a joint notice of strike from 16.8.1984.

(c) The demands are as follows :

1. Regularisation of Workcharged employees.
2. Promotion of Tradesmen Grade V to the next higher grade.
3. Withdrawal of Office Circular disallowing certain transfer benefits in cases of transfers at employees' own request.
4. Increase of Site D.A. in proportion to increase of Daily Allowance on tour.
5. Cash award for all employees for achievement of milestones.

(d) As a result of discussions held, the BHEL (PP and SD) Karamachari Union has withdrawn the strike notice, and the All India BHEL Power Employees Union has agreed to postpone the strike indefinitely pending further discussion.

All India Khadi Village Industries Conference

4369. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a three day All India Khadi Village Industries Conference was held with

effect from May 17, 1984, in New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the main issues discussed thereof ; and

(c) the outcome thereof and the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Conference was convened by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), an autonomous statutory body, to elicit the views of various implementing agencies/institutions and to evolve a future strategy for accelerating the KVI Programme. The main issues discussed in the Conference were :

- (i) Progress of KVI Sector in the Sixth Plan, constraints in development and policy support required with special reference to the Seventh Plan projections.
- (ii) Organisational and managerial aspects and the role of State level federations.
- (iii) Technological inputs, R and D Support and instrumentation programme.
- (iv) Problems connected with marketing, designing, processing and quality control in KVI sector.
- (v) Coverage of weaker sections in virgin and backward areas by KVI sector with special reference to 20-Point Programme.
- (vi) Man-power planning and training programme in KVI Sector.
- (vii) Welfare of artisans in KVI sector.

(c) The various recommendations made by the Conference were considered by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in its meeting held in May, 1984 and a decision was taken to initiate expeditious action to implement them. Government

will extend all possible policy support wherever necessary for the growth of KVI sector.

Publication of Books in Various Indian Languages by Sahitya Academi

4370. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sahitya Academi is having any project to publish books in various Indian Languages ; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the books if any published in various Indian languages with the names of the books and the language in which they are published ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Akademi is publishing informative material regarding literary activities in the Indian languages recognised by it, i.e. Bibliographies of Indian literature, Who's Who of Indian Writers, Histories of Literature in the various Indian languages, monographs in the series 'Makers of Indian Literature' apart from the Akademi's journals 'Indian Literature' in English, 'Samakaleena Bharateeya Sahitya' in Hindi and 'Samskrita Pratibha' in Sanskrit. The Akademi is also engaged in publishing translations of literary classics, both old and modern from one Indian language to the other, so that a good writer in a language may find readers not only in his own but in all the major languages of the country.

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