

of Kerala for providing employment to the educated unemployed during 1974-75; and

(b) the amount proposed to be sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) Under the Employment promotion Programme for 1974-75, the Government of Kerala have requested for Central assistance of Rs. 215.16 lakhs for providing employment to 5883 educated unemployed persons, 3000 skilled workers and about 10,000 unskilled workers.

(b) The proposals of the State Government were received in the Planning Commission during the first week of November, 1974. During discussions with the States Government officials it has been found that the proposals need to be re-cast for a ceiling amount of Rs. 165 lakhs earmarked for the State.

U.K. Aid for Coal Mining Industry

1302. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.K. Government have provided aid for coal mining industry; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). There is no specifically earmarked amount for the Coal Mining Industry under the U.K. Aid Funds at present. However, from the available U.K. aid funds financing of imports, etc. from U.K. for the coal mining industry is possible.

It may also be stated that a British Mission is expected to visit India shortly for a sectoral appraisal of

requirements of our Coal Mining Sector as also to identify the possible areas in our developmental programmes for application of their future aid funds.

Price freeze

1303. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a price freeze of seven essential commodities used by the common man is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the progress of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Handloom Industry in Rajasthan in Fifth Plan

1304. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment made during Fifth Plan for the development of handloom industry in the Rajasthan State; and

(b) the names of the various items and heads of account under which allotments have been made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b): Tentative outlay for the development of the handloom industry under the Draft Fifth Plan for the Rajasthan State is Rs 6.5 lakhs. This tentative outlay is subject to revision when the Fifth Five Year Plan is finalised. The development programme envisaged under the State's Draft Fifth