

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) (a) and (b) Government have no such proposal under consideration at present.

राज्यों के मूलज कल्याण मंत्रियों का सम्मेलन

2742 श्री भारत सिंह चौहान : क्या मुह मन्त्री यह जानने की बात करके कि :

(क) क्या यह कार्य अन्तर्गत गति तथा अनुसूचित। उन गति के लिये क्या कार्यकारी उपायों पर विचार करने हेतु राज्यों के साथ, उत्तराखण्ड मंत्रियों का एक सम्मेलन हुआ था,

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उन सम्मेलन में क्या निर्णय किये गये थे और

(ग) अथवा इन निर्णयों का क्या प्रभाव क्रियान्वित किया गया है तथा उन्हें पूरी तरह कब तक क्रियान्वित किया जाएगा ?

बृहत् मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री एफ० एच० मोहसिन) : (क) पिछले वर्षों के कल्याण व कार्य प्रभारी राज्य मंत्रियों का सम्मेलन 19 अथ 20 अप्रैल, 1975 को हुआ था।

(ख) सम्मेलन द्वारा गति के लिये गये सहायकों का प्रश्न उत्तराखण्ड में देखा गया है। [मन्त्रालय में रखा गया। देखिये मद्रास पत्र टी 19717/77]।

(ग) राज्यों के मन्त्रियों के निर्णयों को निदान के रूप में स्वीकार कर दिया है। उनके कार्यान्वयन के लिये भी विभिन्न स्तरों पर अनुसूचित कार्यवाही की जा रही है। प्रधान मंत्री ने इससे कुछ बातों की विशेषता

बताते हुये मुख्य मंत्रियों को पत्र लिखा था। सापेक्ष योजना के विचार-विमर्शों में, भादि-वासी उपयोजनाओं और समेकित भादि-वासी विकास परियोजनाओं पर विचार करते समय प्रगति का भी पुनरीक्षण किया गया है। प्रशासनिक ढांचे, उत्पादन शक्ति नीति, समान साख-नया विपणन ढांचे जैसे अनेक पहलुओं पर विभिन्न स्तरों पर विशेष रूप से कार्यवाही की जा रही है। इस प्रकार निर्णयों के कार्यान्वयन की गति का निरन्तर पुनरीक्षण किया जा रहा है।

Preservation and Promotion of Tribal Culture

2743 SHRI C. C. GOHAIN Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the special schemes of Government to preserve and promote tribal culture in various parts of the country

(b) whether tribal leaders are associated with the formulation and implementation of the above schemes, and

(c) whether there has been any evidence of conflict between trends of modernisation and attempts at preservation of tribal cultures in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) (a) In the new approach to tribal development comprehensive planning for each area with reference to its specific problems is envisaged. The cultural life of the tribal communities in the relevant area is one of the important initial conditions for preparing the various programmes. In particular the Tribal Research Institutes are expected to study *inter-alia* the socio-cultural elements in the process of change. They also have some special programmes for preserving and promoting the cultural life of the tribal communities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The process of economic development does result in spontaneous change in the cultural life of the tribal. It is an accepted policy of the Government that while initiating legislation or administrative action care is taken to see that these do not unnecessarily interfere in the way of life of the tribal communities.

Use of British system of Weights and Measures

2745. SHRIMATI PREMALABAI CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether years after change over to metric system in India, the Engineering industry still continues to use British system of weights and measures to a large extent;

(b) whether it is mainly because the fastner industry was not changed over to metric standards as yet;

(c) the estimated percentage of large scale units still using British system; and

(d) steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. G. GEORGE): (a) to (d). In view of the fact that the engineering industry covers a variety of items and a number of them have problems because of their earlier collaborations with countries following non-metric system and with a view to ensuring that the production is not hampered, it was found necessary to bring about the change-over to the metric system in the engineering industries in two stages:

(i) conversion of the existing dimensions to metric system so as to eliminate the use of

old units, the use of which is prohibited under the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1956;

(ii) adoption of rational metricated standards involving change in actual dimensions of fastners etc.

The first stage has been implemented so far. The second stage requires a good deal of work such as preparation of new standards based on metric system, systematic redesigning of existing tools and systematic and gradual replacement of the existing tools etc., with the new ones.

It would not be correct to say that because of the fastner industries, the change-over to the metric system in the engineering industry has been slow. The Indian standards on fastner have been completely revised to have them on metric units. In June, 1955, a directive was issued that whenever any new plant and machinery is ordered or a new line of production established under any Central Ministry, care should be taken to ensure that equipment ordered as well as the line of production established is based on the metric system so that no transitional difficulties in respect of these arise in future. All possible steps are being taken to realise the second stage as early as possible.

Financial Assistance for Power Generation in Orissa

2746 SHRI D K PANDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide necessary finance for power generation in Orissa in the Central Sector as in other States; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) It is not