(b) if so, the number of lysine producing units and the annual production capacity of that Industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

हकारी कपड़ा मिलें

5349. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : क्या बाणिज्य मंत्री : यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में कितनी सहकारी कपड़ा मिलें हैं, वे कहां-कहां पर हैं तथा केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उन्हें किस प्रकार सहायता दी गई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री मृहम्मद शक़ी कुरेशी): जानकारी एकत की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

5350. SHRI K. HALDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have recognised any institution set up in order to promote small scale industries on an All-India level:
 - (b) if so, the name thereof;
- (c) on how many Government committees, the institution has been offered representation and the name of the individuals of the Federation of Association of Small Scale Industries of India who are serving on Government committees in their individual capacity or as representatives of the Federation;
- (d) whether Government offered any grant to this organization and for what purpose; and
- (e) whether Government have directed the State Governments to assist local associations of small scale industries as advised by the Ford Foundation team in their report on small scale industries in India?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY

- AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government of India has encouraged the setting up of a Federation of Associations of Small Scale Industries on an All-India level.
- (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-618/68].
- (d) The Government of India have offered grants in the initial stages for meeting the expenditure on organisational activities and also for bringing out the publication of an All-India Directory and Handbook on Small Industries.
- (e) The need for encouraging associations of small scale industries is being continuously emphasised in the various meetings of the Small Scale Industries Board and its Standing Committees.

FIRE IN ALL INDIA HANDLOOM EXHI-BITION, TRICHUR

5351. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of COM-MERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out in an All-India Handloom Exhibition at Trichur;
- (b) if so, the estimated loss due to the fire;
- (c) whether an enquiry is being conducted to find the causes of the fire; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ISSUE OF LICENCES

- 5353. SHRI G. S. MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVE-LOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the various agencies which scrutinise the proposal of granting a licence and the basic indicators applied by these agencies to judge the authenticity of the proposal;
- (b) whether the scrutiny of the proposal takes into account the periodical