

Incentive Wage Policy

2497. Shri Rameshwar Tanti: Will the Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to have an incentive wage policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Incentive wages have to be introduced on the basis of agreement between the employers and workers. The wage policy, as enunciated in the various plans, recommends the introduction of such incentive wages. The terms of reference of the Wage Boards set up by Government also generally require that the desirability of extending the system of payment by results should be examined subject to reasonable safeguards for labour.

Increase in D.A. of Employees in Industries

2498. Shri Sivamurthi Swamy: Will the Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any uniform policy for national industries has been adopted to increase the Dearness Allowance of the employees following the devaluation;

(b) if so, the nature thereof and how much increase has been recommended; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to meet the challenge of rise in prices?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Central Organisation for Publication Text-Books

2499. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Organisation for the preparation and publication of Text-Books;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the State Governments which have undertaken that work have made more or less, a mess of it;

(c) if so, whether it is among the reasons behind Government's proposed scheme; and also, the other reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of Government's scheme?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (d). Under the aegis of the National Council of Educational Research and Training, model text-books of quality and standard for all stages of school education are being produced. These text-books have been offered to all States for adoption or adaptation. While the Central Government has not carried out a comprehensive evaluation of the text-books produced by the State Governments the information available indicates that those text-books need much improvement.

Central Schools

2500. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools which are proposed to be opened during the current year; and

(b) the number of such schools to be opened during the Fourth Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry Education (Shrimati Soundararn Ramchandran): (a) About 15. (12 already established).