

to invite eminent economists, scholars and research institutions to take up research studies on the various socio-economic aspects of the Gandhian thought ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an expert Committee was appointed to guide and advise the Commission on the matter ; and

(c) who are the members of the Expert Committee and the work done by them so far in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The members of the Expert Committee are :

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| (1) Dr. P. B. Gajendra-gadkar | Chairman |
| (2) Prof. M. L. Dantwala | Member |
| (3) Dr. M. N. Srinivas | " |
| (4) Shri Ram Lal Parikh | " |
| (5) Shri Manubhai Pancholi | " |
| (6) Prof. Sugata Das Gupta | " |
| (7) Shri B. T. Acharya | Secretary |

The Committee met twice at Bombay and once at Delhi. At the first meeting it finalised a list of economists and social scientists to be invited to undertake studies of important aspects of Gandhian thought which would be an intellectual examination and assessment of Gandhian tenets or values in the context of the present day and in the perspective of next ten years. The Committee decided to prepare a working paper regarding the areas and directions of study. The Committee also examined (a) proposals for payment of honoraria to senior economists for dissertations, fellowships to be instituted through Universities/specialised research institutes for students as well as for teachers undertaking to do work for Ph. D, (b) schemes for bringing out publications through universities and (c) the procedure for working fellowships through universities and specialised research agencies.

At the second meeting held at Delhi, the Committee considered the possibilities of holding a Seminar on the relevance of Gandhian thought in the present context, right of publication of thesis or dissertations,

the working paper and basic paper for social scientists as well as a proposal for setting up a Cell in universities which would serve as a link between the thinkers in the universities and the constructive workers in the field.

At the third meeting the Committee reviewed the progress of the research programme and decided that the University of Bombay might be requested to organise a Cell to collect papers relating to the Seminars held in India and abroad in connection with Gandhi Centenary so that important papers from among them might be edited and published. The Cell would also render assistance whenever required to universities sponsoring teacher and student fellowship programmes on Gandhian thought.

Shortage of Power supply for Industries in Punjab

10235. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industries in Punjab are starving for want of power supply ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that because of this shortage, the commitments abroad are likely to be curbed drastically ;

(c) if so, whether Government have assessed the extent of shortage, and its nature i. e. whether such shortages are going to be chronic or a temporary one ; and

(d) if this shortage is a chronic one, what steps the Central Government have taken to help the State Government to meet the power supply requirement of industries in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Inadequate supply of power to Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan

10236. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply