

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार इन स्कूलों को शिक्षा मंत्रालय का सौंपने का है; और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री नन्दा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ). सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Industrial Growth

4763. SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Industrial growth has been hampered due to shortage of trained personnel ;

(b) if so, the extent to which it has been hampered ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to overcome such handicaps in future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) to (c). While the country has technical personnel including engineers and skilled man-power and there has been considerable growth of expertise in the various industrial sectors, initial shortages of trained personnel arise in certain industries where highly specialised knowledge is required for the first time. However, it will not be correct to say that industrial growth has been hampered on that account. .

Assistance to Khadi Industry

4764. SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the present pattern of assistance for Khadi Industry ;

(b) the amount spent during the last 3 years for that industry ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for changing the pattern of assistance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) The relevant information is available in a booklet of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission entitled "Patterns of Assistance for Khadi and Village Industries", copies of which have been made available to the Parliament Library for reference purposes.

(b) The following amounts were released by the Government during the last 3 years :

Year	Rs. crores
1967-68	11.41
1968-69	9.55
1969-70	9.86

(c) A proposal for revising the pattern for working capital assistance is under consideration.

Representation from Kerala Government for Supply of M. S. Rods

4765. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have received any representation from the Kerala Government to effect that its construction works have been jeopardised due to the shortage of M. S. Rods ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken for the supply of adequate quantity of M. S. Rods to the Kerala Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kerala Government did not approach the Steel Priority Committee in time to obtain their requirements during October-December, 1970 period. However, 303 tonnes of Rounds were allocated in their favour out of Iron and Steel Controller's reserve during the same period. Priority for supply of a further quantity of 768 tonnes of Rounds has been accorded to Kerala Public Works Department for the period January-March, 1971.