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Title: Need to regularize the services of "Trading Staff" working in Khadi Bhawans and extend rebate on Khadi products being sold through retail outlets of KVIC.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): The Khadi Bhawans at Delhi (2 nos) Calcutta, Bangalore, Goa, Cochin and other places sell Khadi products and its has earned a name for quality swadeshi products as a mark of simple life and also to encourage village industries. Besides, using Khadi products is a national symbol. The Central Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) encouraged to buy Khadi products through their retail outlets and rebate on Khadi products had been offered for 110 days in a year during the past years. But now, it has been reported that the rebate has been stopped and the retail outlets have been neglected.

The Khadi Bhawans which are the retail sale outlets have not been renovated for years. The sale of junk Khadi products was taking place during festive seasons and rebate was an attraction for this. Now that sale through this retail outlets will come down drastically and the income will also fall down.

There are 300 employees working as "Trading staff" in the Khadi Bhawans and 3000 'Regular Staff' who enjoy more benefits. Altogether, it seems that the Government is discouraging the sale of Khadi products through Khadi Bhawans by not regularizing the trading staff and by not renovating the Khadi Bhawans.

The KVIC which comes under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, has to be revitalized by adopting suitable methods for the procurement and sale of quality Khadi products and the Khadi Bhawans have to be renovated to promote the sale of products. Government has to consider giving rebate for Khadi products for encouraging more people to buy Khadi. The Trading Staff have also to be encouraged by regularizing their job.