

*[English]***Assistance through LIC**

1572. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance given for the water supply schemes and sewerage projects in the country, particularly to backward areas of Uttar Pradesh by Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation and other financial institutions during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Caste dominated areas benefited through this assistance, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

KVIC in Swadeshi Mela

1573. SHRI NADENDLA BHASKARA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industry Commission has recently participated in the Swadeshi Mela held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of stalls put up for displaying its products;

(c) the response of the public received as a result thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the participation in the Mela has helped in the growth of KVIC?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has participated in the Swadeshi Mela held in New Delhi from 25th January to 30th January, 1999 alongwith its aided institutions as well as its departmental units. The KVIC was allotted 1,000 sq.m. of space in the Mela as main sponsor. A total of 70 stalls were put up by the KVIC and its institutions/departmental units.

(c) and (d) As reported by the KVIC, quite a large number of visitors including VVIPs, VIPs, Press representatives Foreign dignitaries, school children and Government officials have visited the Mela. The total sales

effected during the Mela was Rs. 10 lakhs approx. and the number of trade enquiries received was around 165.

Closed Cement Units of CCI

1574. SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN :
SHRI AMAN KUMAR NAGRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cement units closed during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken for revival of Charkhi-Dadri Cement factory;

(c) whether workers of closed cement units have been properly compensated, particularly Surajpur (ACC) and Charkhi-Dadri of CCI cement factory;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) Only Bhupendra Cement Works, Surajpur, a unit of the Associated Cement Companies Ltd. in Haryana was closed down during the last three years.

(b) Production in the Cement Corporation of India unit at Charkhi Dadri has been suspended on account of its economic unavailability. Cement Corporation of India as a whole has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for examining the feasibility of revival of its various units.

(c) to (e) Information on compensation being paid to workers is not maintained centrally.

Grants to Gujarat under PMRY

1575. DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants allocated to Gujarat under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), district-wise;

(b) the details of youths benefited in the State from such grants; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the Yojana by increasing the funds to Gujarat?