

it. Anybody's life is so precious, what to talk of the life of a Member of this august House. Everywhere when a life is lost we are all concerned about it.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOO-WALIA (Sangrur) : Nobody is quarrelling. The words he uttered were derogatory. He may be asked to withdraw the words. It is not in good taste.

[*English*]

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK (Panaji) : I would like to have an assurance from you that it will not be postponed.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : I do not give any guarantee.

[*English*]

But it is going to be done.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mahbub-nagar) : Sir I, am on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : There is no point of order. Please listen to me.

This is your opinion and it is his opinion. You can rebut it whatever you like. There is nothing unparliamentary about it.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : He is talking of a lobby in the House, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Whatever it is you can condemn it. You can contradict it. Now you have done it. No Problem.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing goes on record.

(*Interruptions*)**

12.05 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. : PROMOTION OF
NEW INDUSTRIES BY KHADI AND
VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
AND INCREASE IN WAGES OF KHADI
ARTISANS

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon'ble Members of this House have, on various occasions, emphasised the importance of speeding up the process of rural industrialisation and improvement in the economic conditions of village artisans. I may, Sir, recall that last year, with the approval of this House, we had amended the Khadi and Village Industries Act to enable the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to take up more and more industries under its fold for promotion in rural areas, the main criterion being employment creation. I am glad to inform the Hon'ble Members of this House that KVIC has identified 33 new industries for promotion from this year in addition to the existing list of 26 industries. I am placing on the Table of the House, the list of new industries so far identified. The intention is to add to this list from time to time depending on the experience gained and resource available, both men and material. The pattern of assistance for these industries is being finalised by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in consultation with the State KVI Boards. With the addition of these industries, job opportunities will be created in newer fields of economic activity which will raise the economic and social status of rural artisans.

Another matter on which I wish to report to this House is regarding the wages of the Khadi artisans. We are conscious of the need to increase the wage level of khadi artisans. Productivity is the key element in this regard and emphasis is being placed on New Model Charkhas. Our experience in the recent past has been that even those States which were lagging behind in the introduction of new model charkhas have now taken it up vigorously.

In addition, I am glad to inform the House that the Government have decided to increase the wages of Khadi artisans by 10% with immediate effect. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission will be issuing the necessary orders. The decision will benefit millions of artisans in this sector, most of whom are women.

Identified New Industries

Group-I Mineral Based Industry

1. Stone cutting, crushing, carving and engraving for Temples and Buildings.
2. Utility articles made out of stone.

Group-II Forest Based Industry

3. Manufacture of paper cups, plates, bags and other paper containers.
4. Manufacture of exercise books book-binding, envelop-making, register making including all other stationery items made out of paper.
5. Khus tattis and broom making.
6. Collection, Processing and Packing of Forest Produce.
7. Photo framing.

Group-III Agro Based and Food Industry

8. Pithwork, manufacture of Pith, Mats and Garlands etc.
9. Cashew Processing.
10. Leaf cup making.

Group-IV Polymer and Chemical Based Industry

11. Products out of Rixin, PVC etc.
12. Horn and bone including ivory products.
13. Candle, Camphor and sealing wax making.

Group-V Engineering and Non-Conventional Energy

14. Manufacture of paper pins, clips, safety pins, stove pins etc.

15. Manufacture of decorative bulbs bottles, glass etc.

16. Umbrella assembling.

17. Solar and Wind energy implements.

18. Manufacture of handmade utensils, out of brass.

19. Manufacture of handmade utensils out of copper.

20. Manufacture of handmade utensils out of bell-metal.

21. Other articles made out of brass, copper and bell-metal.

22. Production of radios.

23. Production of cassette players whether or not fitted with radios.

24. Production of cassette recorder whether or not fitted with radios.

25. Production of voltage stabilizers.

Group-VI Textile Industry (Excluding Khadi)

26. Hosiery.

27. Tailoring and preparation of ready-made garments.

28. Fishing nets out of Nylon/Cotton by hand.

Group-VII Service Industry

29. Laundry

30. Barber

31. Plumbing

32. Servicing of electrical wiring and electronic domestic appliances and equipments.

33. Repairs of Diesel Engines, Pump Sets etc.