

of Prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency.

**Coverage of Time Rated Employees
under ESI Act**

280. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that as a result of introduction of new formula by the Calcutta Regional Office of the ESI Corporation for the coverage of time rated employees under ESI Act, about 2 lakh jute mill workers will be deprived of ESI benefits; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the large number of time-rated jute mill workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was some misunderstanding regarding the method of calculation of monthly wages. The matter has been examined by the Headquarters Office of the ESI Corporation and suitable clarification has been given to Regional Director. As a result, there has been no decoverage of time-rated employees of the jute mills.

[*Translation*]

**Young Women Health Development
Programme**

281. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had introduced programme entitled 'Young Women Health Development Programme:

(b) if so, the names of places where it was introduced and the duration thereof; and

(c) the latest position with regard to this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) to (c). The Indian Council of Medical Research have launched a research project entitled 'Young Women's Health and Development Programme' in July, 1988. The Project is currently on-going in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Haryana. The main objective of the project is to improve the status of rural women through improvement in health and family life education, non-formal education, imparting vocational skills and improvement in self esteem of the girls by making them self confident and self reliant. The baseline survey in the project is over. The intervention which consists of training curriculum towards achieving the above objectives is being administered to the girls in Yuvati Kendras established in selected villages. The intersectoral linkages between Department of Health, Education, adult education and skill building etc. is also being established at the district as well as in block level.

Improvement in NTC Mills

282. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for the improvement of textiles mills in eastern Uttar Pradesh under National Textiles Corporation;

(b) the names of mills closed due to strike and lockout during the last one year with reasons therefor; and