

Public Sector Undertakings who are governed by the Industrial D.A. formula, went on strike on 11th and 12th October 1990 due to a strike call given by Co-ordination Committee of Officers Association. Their main demand related to the revision of the Industrial D.A. formula.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coverage of Social and Cultural Life of Kashmiris on National Network

660. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received a representation from J&K Government for wider coverage of social and cultural life of Kashmiris on the National network of the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Even though no such representation has been received in the Doordarshan from the J&K Government, Doordarshan have been telecasting, in the National Network, from time to time, programmes on the rich cultural heritage of Kashmiris, their social life and traditions.

Pension to Widows of Terrorists Victims in Punjab

661. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of widows who became victims of terrorists given pension in Punjab as on 1 September, 1990; and

(b) the number of such cases which are still pending with Government alongwith relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). According to information received from the Government of Punjab, 1269 widows of terrorists victims have been given pension as on 1st September, 1990. 510 cases for payment of pension were pending as on that date.

Newsprint Plant

662. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a second newsprint plant;

(b) if so, when and whether people of the border States would be given employment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). The Government has approved in October, 1989 the setting up of a bagasse based Newsprint Plant at Aliganj, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh by NEPA Limited at a total estimated cost of Rs.414.46 crores which will provide employment to about 1205 persons. Preliminary work at site is in progress.

Expenditure Incurred on CRPF In Punjab

663. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount given to the victims