

(ii) Kuttiyadi augmentation (multipurpose) Scheme.

Medium of Examination for N.D.A. and other Competitions

*320. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether English is the medium for answering question papers for various competitive examinations held by the U.P.S.C. particularly for I.A.S. and N.D.A.;

(b) whether the examinations, particularly for N.D.A., are taken by the students within the age group of 16 years and 17½ years and that the boys of farmers and poor people studying in schools other than Public Schools cannot answer the question papers through English medium as efficiently as the boys of Public Schools;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce Hindi as a medium of examination particularly for N.D.A. keeping in view the above facts; and

(d) if not, the reasons for continuing this discriminatory attitude and inequality in opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1291/77].

Exploitation of Tribals and Adivasis by money-lenders

*321. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to protect Tribals and Adivasis from exploitation by money-lenders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). The prevention of exploitation of the tribals has been given a very high priority. Various legislative measures exist in the States to protect the tribals from extortion by money-lenders. In addition, in order to provide alternative channel of credit to the tribals, large size Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS) have been organised to cover bulk of the tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Kerala. Steps have also been taken to enable the tribals to take advantage of soft loans from Commercial Banks at an interest rate of 4 per cent per annum under the differential rates of interest Scheme.

मान्डला (मध्य प्रदेश) में साल लकड़ी पर आधारित कारखाने की स्थापना

*322. श्री श्यामलाल धुर्वे : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के मांडला जिले में जो एक पिछड़ा हुआ आदिवासी क्षेत्र है, वहां के वनों में उपलब्ध माल लकड़ी पर आधारित कारखाने की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो ऐसी योजना के अब तक न बनाए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डिस) : (क) से (ग). मध्य प्रदेश के मांडला जिले में 'साल' की लकड़ी पर आधारित कारखाने की स्थापना करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। फिर भी, मध्य प्रदेश राज्य उद्योग निगम मध्य प्रदेश के मांडला जिले में 30 लाख रुपए की लागत से 20 मीट्रिक टन की वार्षिक क्षमता

वाले साल के बीज निकालने के संयुक्त क्षेत्र में एक संयंत्र की परियोजना की स्थापना कर रहा है ?

Manufacture of instruments using Micro Circuits

*323. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in research and manufacture of instruments using micro-circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider importing of technology from abroad in this field?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir; progress has been made both in the development and manufacture of instruments and equipment using micro-circuits.

(b) Since 1971, Bharat Electronics Limited has developed different types of thick film hybrid micro circuit modules. Under a scheme funded by the Department of Electronics, the Indian Telephone Industries has also produced such modules for their internal requirements. Under another project funded by the Department, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research has successfully completed development of VHF and UHF amplified modules based on thin film technology. Some times the term "micro-circuits" is used to also denote monolithic integrated circuits (ICs). Some types of the latter are made in the country by Bharat Electronics Limited; and the Department of Electronics is implementing the setting up of the Semi-Conductor Complex to manufacture large scale integrated circuits (LSIs). Equipment and instruments based on integrated circuits and large scale integrated circuits are made in the country.

(c) Hybrid Micro-circuits are primarily made in-house by equipment companies manufacturing communication systems or instruments. Purchase of technology in the normal manner is, therefore, not possible in this area and the best approach is in-house development by an equipment manufacturer to meet his specialised internal needs. However, if an end equipment/system is to be manufactured under licence, the hybrid micro-circuit modules which go into that equipment/system can also be produced under licence.

Price rise in Khadi due to mixture of fibres

*324. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi has been allowed to be mixed with fibres which have both foreign know-how in their making and some imported ingredients;

(b) if so, reasons for making Poly-khadi;

(c) whether the price is going to be more than doubled for this mixed Khadi; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to consider and allow this industry to be a pure Hindustani run by traditional methods?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d). The Government have under its consideration a proposal received from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission that the scope of the term "Khadi" may be widened to include admixture of man-made fibres like polyester to increase its marketing potential and to cater to the changing consumer trends. The scheme regarding mixing of khadi with man-made fibres is still at the experimental stage and therefore its economics have not been worked out. It is, however, expected that polyester khadi will not