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South India has experienced difficulty in obtaining its requirement of art silk yarn; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard to help the industry?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Some representations were received that art silk yarn was not available for use by handloom industry in sufficient quantities.

(b) Arrangements have been made with four indigenous manufacturers of art silk yarn to distribute a specified percentage of their production to the handloom weavers in the country.

Delegation to East European Countries

*973. / Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Shri Kistalya:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the precise nature of suggestions made by the delegation which made a survey of the export markets in East European countries regarding the examination of the role of the State Trading Corporation and the possibility of increasing the Corporation's usefulness to the customers; and

(b) the progress made in giving detailed consideration to these suggestions?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Attention is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 1 answered on the 17th November, 1958.

(b) The State Trading Corporation is gradually expanding its business and increasingly earning the satisfaction of its customers. Written Answers

कस्टोडियन के विभाग को बन्द करना

*९८२२. श्री सरजू पांडे : क्या पुनर्वास तथा ग्रल्पसंख्यक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कस्टोडियन के विभाग को बन्द करने का प्रश्न विचाराघीन है ;

(स) इसका कितने कर्मचारियों पर प्रभाव पड़ेगा; मौर

(ग) क्या सरकार उन्हें श्रौर जगह काम दे देगी ?

पुनर्वास तथा ग्रस्पसंख्यक-कार्य मंत्री (भी मेहर चन्द खन्ना) : (क) जी हां। कस्टोडियन के विभाग का काम समाप्त हो रहा है। इस लिये यह विभाग घीरे घीरे बन्द किया जा रहा है।

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(ग) उन लोगों को जिन की नौकरी छट जाती है, भ्रपने नाम स्थानीय एमप्लायमेंट एक्सचेंज में दोबारा नौकरी पाने के लिये दर्ज कराने पड़ते हैं । एमप्लायमेंट एक्सचेओं को हिदायतें दी जा चुकी हैं कि इन लोगों को रोजगार के मामले में ऊंची प्रायरटी दी आये ।

Weavers Co-operative Societies in Andhra Pradesh

*983. { Shri D. V. Rao: Shri Nagi Reddy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding the arrears of subsidy on handlooms products to be paid to the Weavers Cooperative Societies in Andhra Pradesh, due to the delay in the disbursement of funds from the Centre;

(b) if so, what action has been taken; and