

ber of workers engaged therein and the daily wages being given to them;

(c) whether the Government have ascertained the measures for further development thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are about 10 units manufacturing handmade jewellery from oyster shell and about 110 craftsperson engaged in this trade. The daily wage ranges from Rs. 20 to Rs. 25 per day.

(c) and (d) The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has set up one Marketing & Service Extension Centre at Madhubani to cater to the needs of craftsmen. This centre has been rendering a package of services to the craftsmen of Mehasi, such as opportunities for direct marketing, raw material assistance, credit facilities, assistance for improved tools & techniques and design assistance.

Broadcast of Sansad Sameeksha

3776. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sansad Sameeksha was broadcast before news previously;

(b) if so, whether any change has been made in this programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) All India Radio continues to broadcast 'Sansad Sameeksha' in Hindi and 'Today in Parliament' in English everyday at 2030 hours when Parliament is in session.

Prior to 1988 'Sansad Sameeksha' in Hindi and 'Weekly Review of Parliament' in English was telecast by Regional Kendras of Doordarshan once a week during Parliament Sessions. Delhi Doordarshan was telecasting 'Sansad Samachar' in Hindi at 1930 hours and 'Parliament News' in English at 2305 hours on the Delhi LPT Net Work regularly.

(b) to (d) Since the Budget Session of 1988 'Sansad Samachar' in Hindi and 'Parliament News' in English are telecast at 2150 hours and 2230 hours respectively in the National Programme. There has been no change in the broadcast timings of these programmes on All India Radio.

[English]

Projects of PFPL in States

3777. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to allow Pensi Foods Pvt. Ltd. (PFPL) to set up its projects in Karnataka and at other places in the country; and

(b) if so, the locations thereof and when these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to Karnataka for Industrial Development

3778. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have sought financial assistance from Centre for industrial development in Karnataka State; and