

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) Skilled 128 and Unskilled 280.

(b) Cases of all those who could not be selected by the employers are being reviewed for advising the candidates to better their skills or to learn alternative trade in which there is greater scope.

Raw Materials to Small Scale Industries

379. { Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

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

(a) whether Government have ordered any study of the adverse affects of inadequate supplies of raw materials to small scale industries; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). No such study has been made. However, Government is aware of the difficulties of small scale units in respect of raw materials especially those which are imported. This general shortage is mainly due to the increase demand due to expansion of existing units and the setting up of new units all over the country, combined with the difficult foreign exchange situation. The position will ease only when the foreign exchange situation improves.

Labour Welfare Scheme of Rubber Board

380. **Shri A. V. Raghavan:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students to whom stipends were granted under the Labour Welfare Scheme of the Rubber Board in 1960, 1961 and 1962;

(b) the courses for which the stipends have been granted; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for 1963?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 1960-61 459;

1961-62 780 and

1962-63 As the stipend for this year are still being granted, complete information will be available only after the close of the year.

(b) Higher Secondary, Pre-University, graduate and post-graduate courses in Arts and Sciences, Technical training and professional degrees and diplomas.

(c) No amount has so far been sanctioned for 1963-64 as the Rubber Board's budget for this year would be finalised only sometime in November-December, 1962. Out of the amount of Rs 1,00,000 provided for Labour Welfare in the Board's budget for 1962-63, a sum of Rs. 75,000 is proposed to be utilized by the Board for granting stipends to students.

Prices of Consumer Goods in Goa

381. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottakkatt:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that prices of consumer goods have risen sharply in Goa; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). There has been some seasonal increase in the prices of certain consumer goods. The prices are expected to return to normal after the monsoons.

Gwalior Rayon Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

382. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to refer to the reply given