

(b) whether Government had utilised the entire amount in the previous years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether a statement showing the details of expenditure will be laid on the Table?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) to (d). Information is being collected from the various Ministries and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Government of India Press, Simla

1109. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial workers of the Government of India Press in Simla have given a 14-day strike notice to the authorities concerned on the 5th August, 1957, of their intention to go on strike from August 20, 1957;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps which Government propose to take to avert the threatened strike?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes Such a notice had been given

(b) The demands of the workers were as under:—

- 1 Introduction of Pensionary benefits to all the Press workers without distinction whether industrial or non-industrial;
- 2 Extension of liberalized leave rules to all press workers;
3. Appointment of Wage Commission with a view to revising the pay structure.
4. Increase of dearness allowance by 25 per cent.

(c) Demands 1 & 3 above have since been met by Government. Demand No. 4 will be examined by the

Pay Commission which has since been appointed. As regards the liberalisation of leave rules, the matter is under examination and would be decided on merits.

The workers have since withdrawn their strike notice.

Design Centres for Small Industries

1110. Shri Subbiah Ambalam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any design centres for small industries are being established in the various regions and any attempts have been made to collect modern designs in industrial products from overseas besides the collection received through the Ford Foundation?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Government propose to establish industrial design centres after obtaining the advice of a foreign expert who is being recruited for this purpose

About 200 common utility articles are being collected from the Museum of Modern Art, New York, for exhibition in different parts of the country to show the effect of good industrial designing

P.M.'s Visit to Japan

1111. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that he is visiting Japan in the near future?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes Sir.

According to present programme I shall be visiting Japan for about 9 days in the beginning of October, 1957.

Cotton Mills in Madhya Pradesh

1112. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that cotton mills in Madhya Pradesh are running at a loss and cloth