

Prices of Cloth

2871. { **Shri Chandak:**
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

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

(a) whether popular varieties of cloth are not available in the market at the stamped prices; and

(b) what action Government intend to take to ensure supply of all varieties of mill made cloth at the stamped prices?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) By and large popular varieties are available in the market at stamped prices.

(b) The steps already taken by Government are expected to ensure adequate supply of all varieties of mill-made cloth at stamped prices. Government are keeping a close watch over the situation.

National Archives of Nepal

2872. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India are assisting Nepal in establishing National Archives including a library of oil Sanskrit manuscripts; and

(b) if so, the nature and extent of help given so far?

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

(b) The scheme for the establishment of a National Archives in Nepal aims at amalgamating the two existing libraries, cataloguing the manuscripts on scientific lines, restoring them where necessary and micro-filming the more important and damaged ones. It also includes the construction of a suitable building to house the archives with modern facilities for research and living rooms for foreign scholars.

The Government of India have promised Rs. 6.5 lakhs for these purposes. They have also agreed to depute some Indian scholars for examining and selecting the manuscripts for microfilming, a technical unit from the National Archives of India for micro-filming the manuscripts thus selected and to train the necessary Nepalese personnel in India.

The Government of India have so far paid a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs to the National Archives Development Board set up by the Government of Nepal. A team of Indian scholars recently visited Nepal and took part in the discussions of the Academic Committee set up by the Board. The National Archives of India are giving technical advice regarding building plans, micro-filming equipment etc. A technical unit from the National Archives of India will visit Nepal shortly.

Industrial Training Institutes

2873. **Shri Ram Saran:** Will the Minister of **Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trainees from the Industrial Training Institutes opened by the Central Government in different States find it very difficult and sometimes impossible to find employment in various departments of the State Governments; and

(b) what steps have Government taken to get the diplomas of the Institutes recognised by the State Governments and with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) No.

(b) The urgency and need to recognise the diplomas/certificates awarded under the Craftsmen Training Scheme have been impressed upon the State Governments, who have agreed to it in principle. Most of the State Governments have already recognised them and the matter is under active consideration of the remaining few.