

Performance of Labour Bureau

1034. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Labour Bureau of carrying out surveys and research in organised and unorganised sector recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the major components of surveys/research projects approved for the current year;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconstitue an Advisory Body with eminent professionals, Trade Unionists to undertake oriented surveys/research programme to help for framing of Labour policy; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to revitalise the Labour Bureau as a National Institute ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) and (b) Performance of Labour Bureau including that of other organisations of the Ministry of Labour is reflected in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour which is circulated amongst the Members of the Parliament at the time of consideration and passing of Demands for Grants of the Ministry. It is reviewed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee while considering Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Labour. Labour Bureau has, inter-alia, included the following major activities in their action plan for 1998-99 :-

Publication of Consumer Price Indices for Industrial workers, Agricultural Workers and Rural Workers; Conduct of study to bring out reports on evaluation of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 in Building and Construction Establishments in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and spade work for study in Bihar;

To publish report on Survey of Working and Living Conditions of Workers in unorganised sector in respect of Man Made Fibre Textiles Industry and to finalise report in respect of Marine Fishing Industry; Publication of report on occupational Wage Survey in respect of ten Manufacturing Industries and completion of field survey and tabulation of data in respect of 13 Manufacturing/service sector industries; Publication of report on Survey of Working and Living Conditions of Labour belonging to SC/ST in Asansol and release of report in respect of another centre as decided by Inter Departmental Direction Committee Release of reports on Earning, Employment, Labour Cost, Absenteeism, Labour Turnover under Annual Survey of Industries (sample sector) in respect of various years; Release of report on Socio Economic Conditions of Women workers in Cashewnut Processing Industry and launching of study in respect of Food Processing Industry including

sea food and marine products, Zari and Embroidery and other selected Handicrafts and Match works and conduct of pilot survey at 78 centres in connection with new Working Class Family Income and Expenditure Survey and launching of the main survey.

(c) and (d) A Committee comprising of Director, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, Director General, Labour Bureau and officials from Ministry of Labour, Central Statistical Organisation, National Sample Survey Organisation, Planning Commission, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute has been constituted to examine the activities of Labour Bureau.

Suspension of SPG from Congress President

1035. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Special Protection Group attached to the Congress President has been replaced; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Gorkha Land Movement

1036. SHRI BHIM DAHAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured so far in the Gorkha land movement of Darjeeling;

(b) the extent of damage caused to the public and private property; and

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to constitute Gorkha land State ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) As per information available with the Central Government, 184 persons were killed and 919 were injured in the Gorkha Land Movement.

(b) Reports available indicate that 1567 houses/buildings were either destroyed or damaged in the movement.

(c) No, Sir.

Bride Burning Deaths

1037. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :