

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3621
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003
CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FORMS STORE KOLKATA
AJIT KUMAR PANJA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Government's decision for the closure of Government of India Forms Store, Kolkata;
- (b) the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received representations from the Government of India Forms Store Staff Association for the withdrawal of Government's decision for the closure of the said store;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to review its earlier decision in view of the fact that it relates to the question of life and death of 340 members of the staff of Government of India Forms Store, Kolkata and their dependent family members;
- (f) if so, the remedial measures contemplated by the Government thereon; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): The Government's decision of 16.8.2002 to close the Government of India Forms Store (GIFS), Kolkata still stands and its implementation is under process.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The representation calls for the review of the Government decision to close GIFS, Kolkata.

(e)to(g): No, Sir. However, the interest of the employees will be protected by way of transfer of as many employees as possible to other Presses and offering Special VRS to the remaining employees.