

one 50-bedded hospital for beedi workers is also coming up at Dhuliyān in Distt. Murshidabad (WB).

(b) and (c) During 1997-98, 3,91,348 beedi workers have benefitted from the various health schemes and 2,36,969 patients have been treated at various dispensaries in the State of West Bengal.

Statement

List of Health Schemes for Beedi Workers

1. Scheme for Reservation of Beds in T.B Hospitals for Beedi Workers.
2. Scheme for Domiciliary Treatment of Beedi Workers Suffering from T.B.
3. Scheme for grant of financial assistance to Beedi Workers (Including Gharkhata Workers) for purchase of Spectacles.
4. Scheme for Leprosy relief for Beedi Workers.
5. Treatment of workers suffering from Mental Diseases and also grant of subsistence allowance and other benefits to such workers.
6. Scheme for Financial Assistance under Maternity Benefit Scheme for Female Beedi Workers.
7. Scheme for payment of extra monetary compensation for Sterilisation to Beedi Workers.
8. Scheme for re-imbusement of actual treatment charges to Beedi Workers suffering from Cancer.
9. Scheme for re-imbusement of expenditure as Financial Assistance to Beedi Workers suffering from Heart Diseases.
10. Scheme for re-imbusement of expenditure as Financial Assistance to Beedi Workers for Kidney Transplantation etc.
11. Group Insurance Scheme for Beedi Workers.

[Translation]

Tour by KRIBHCO Officials

3971. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tours undertaken by C.M.D. and other officials of Krishak Bharati Cooperative (KRIBHCO) during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose for which the said tours were

undertaken and the extent to which these tour were proved beneficial; and

(d) the total foreign exchange incurred on the said tours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL) : (a) to (d) 171 foreign tours were undertaken during the last two years, i.e. 1996-97 and 1997-98 by Managing Director and other officials of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO). Details of the tours along with the purpose and the foreign exchange incurred are given in the attached statement.

The project related tours of which majority were in connection with joint Fertilizer Project at Oman, have helped in speeding up the pre-project activities. ODA Project visits have helped in securing approvals for additional assistance to the tune of nearly Rs. 80 crores.

Purpose of tour	No. of tours		Expenditure in US\$	
	1996-97	1997-98	1996-97	1997-98
A. Project related				
(i) Joint Ventures at				
- Oman	59	58	1,01,876	1,22,251
- Iran	-	4	-	2,520
(ii) Hazira Expansion and Gorakhpur Projects.	-	6	-	13,469
B. Conferences/ Seminars/ Symposiums	7	11	13,793	35,215
C. Training Programmes	8	5	31,243	16,411
D. ODA (DFID) Projects	5	8	*	*
Total	79	92	1,48,912	1,89,866

*Expenditure borne by ODA

[English]

Atrocities on SCs/STs

3972. SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atrocities committed against people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities in the country for the last one year, State/ Union Territory-wise;