

mass employment generation on diamond cutting and polishing, handicrafts and group self employment projects to provide extensive field training to people of weaker sections; and

(b) if so, the details of implementation and the achievements made under each scheme in various States particularly in Orissa during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Department of Science and Technology has launched a scheme entitled "Mass Employment Generation through Science and Technology" (MEGSAT) with effect from April 1990 with a view to creating jobs for unemployed youth particularly from weaker sections of society, by imparting skill development training in various trades and technologies.

The MEGSAT scheme is being implemented in the following phases:-

- (a) Conduct of preliminary surveys on the job opportunities in various trades in particular locations.
- (b) Selection of trainees.
- (c) Evolving training package and course material.
- (d) Conduct of training (theory classes and practical demonstration)
- (e) Follow up to ensure success of the programme in launching of micro enterprises by the trainees themselves or by placement of the trainees to direct employment.

3. So far, 3346 jobs have been created in different trades in various States under the Scheme.

4. As regards Orissa, trades and technologies identified for the training are: Mushroom cultivation, Repair and maintenance of agricultural implements, coir crafts, food processing, bee-keeping, repair, maintenance and assembly of instruments, etc. So far, 4 training programmes have been conducted in Orissa and 87 jobs have been created.

Salaries of Special Police Officers in Punjab

1733. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether salaries of Special Police Officers in Punjab are likely to be reduced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such Officers to be affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Security protection to People in Delhi

1734. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people provided with personal security guards in Delhi as on date; and