

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Harassment and Victimization of Scheduled Caste Officers in Punjab

1764. BABA SUCHA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about harassment and victimisation of Scheduled Caste Officers in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Personnel does not maintain information about the complaints of harassment and victimisation of officers in States. However, the complaints received, if any, are sent to the concerned Ministry/Department if it pertains to Central Government employees and to respective State Government if it pertains to State Government employees for appropriate action at their end.

Shortage of raw material for Leather Industries

1765. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likely to be an acute shortage of raw material for the leather industry during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(b) the details of plan to meet the demand of the leather Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

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

Order crisis in H.E.C., Ranchi

1766. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, "HEC facing crisis for want of work order" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' of 4-10-1990 stating that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi is facing major crisis with practically no work order for 1991-92 and the situation gone so bad that 50 per cent of the machines remain unused; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The possibility of getting more orders for HEC was discussed recently with the user sector at a high level meeting. As a result, considerable improvement in the order book position of HEC is anticipated.

Free Rail Pass to Central Government Pensioners

1767. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to issue free railway pass to all the Central Government pensioners once a year on the pattern of retired Railway employees;