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THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is being examined.

Palmolein to Kerala

2194. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Palmolein which has affected its supply through Public Distribution System in Kerala:
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the supply in the coming months: and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) to (c). Distribution of imported edible oils to consumers through Public Distribution System is intended to supplement the availability of edible oils and not to meet the entire edible oil requirements of all the consumers. Due to constraint of foreign exchange, a limited quantity of edible oil is available to be distributed through the PDS. Considering the increase in the prices of indigenous edible oil in the market and escalation in consumption due to festivals, the monthly allocation of edible oil for PDS in respect of the State of Kerala has been increased from 3500 MTs in July, 1990 to 5,000 MTs in August, 1990 and this increased allocation is likely to continue for a couple of months to meet the requirements of festivals months.

Production of National Textiles Corporation Mills, Tamil Nadu.

2195. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Textiles Corporation units functioning in Tamil Nadu have earned profit in the previous year;
- (b) if so, whether the National Textiles Corporation have any proposal to augment the production in their units functioning in

Tamil Nadu Particularly in Dindigul, In order to increase the turnover the coming year and

(c) the Government propose to give the weavers working in the National Textiles Corporation units in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) NTC has neither any unit situated at Dindigul nor is there any proposal to establish one at Dindigul. However, NTC has plans to augment production in their units functioning Tamil Nadu from Rs. 169 crores in 1989-90 to about Rs. 196 crores during 1990-91.
- (c) The workers in the NTC mills of Tamil Nadu are already getting incentives as they are on piece-rated jobs. There is no proposal for further incentives.

Drug Addiction Ward in Safdarjung Hospital

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: 2196. **KUMARI UMA BHARTI:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred on setting up of a drug addiction ward at Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi and the number of Patients who were attended there, since inception;
- (b) whether any deficiency was deducted in the arrangements:
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether de-addiction wards were also established in Lady Harding Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, if so, at what cost and the number of patients who got attended to in these hospitals, Hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The following expenditure has been