

(d) The question of repeal of certain Portuguese laws or of their modification as well as that of extending to Goa, Daman and Diu enactments in force in other parts of India, is under the consideration of the Government.

Propaganda Broadcasts of China

*1380. **Shri K. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recent study has been made of the propaganda broadcasts of China directed towards India and other Asiatic countries; and

(b) if so, whether any change has been made in A.I.R.'s Chinese broadcasts in consideration of the latest position?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While so counter broadcasts are reported to by All India Radio, the news bulletins and radio commentaries etc., take notice of whatever statements are issued by Government of India on border problems and allied matters concerning China. To this extent All India Radio endeavours to give a correct picture of the issue to listeners in India and abroad.

Industries in Madras during Third Plan

*1381. **Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the original plan allocation for the Third Five Year Plan in the field of industry for Madras State has been modified;

(b) if so, what are the modifications;

(c) what was the original plan allocation for the Third Plan for Madras under the head "Industries";

(d) whether any additional amount has been provided for;

(e) if so, what is the amount; and

(f) if not, how these modifications have been effected without increasing the amount as finally allocated in the Third Plan?

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Rs. 23.26 crores

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Textile Mills in Ahmedabad

*1385. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government have taken to supply the requisite quantities of high grade cotton and coal to the Textile Industry during the current year; and

(b) the measures Government propose to take to see that the Textile Mills of Ahmedabad are not closed due to shortage of these during the current year?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Cotton:

In order to meet the industry's requirements of raw cotton during the current year, the Government have already arranged import of nearly 10 lakhs bales of foreign cotton and are making efforts to import more cotton. Appropriate statutory measures have been taken to ensure equitable distribution of the available supplies of Indian cotton to textile mills.

Coal:

Efforts are made to arrange adequate supplies of coal. Whenever complaints of short-supplies are received, all possible steps are taken to speed up movement of coal.

There is no imminent threat of closure of mills in Ahmedabad due to shortage of cotton or coal.