

[*Translation*]**Import of Copper**

7792. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of copper imported during each of the last three years and the

value thereof; and

(b) the measures being taken to meet the shortage of copper in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The quantity and value of copper and copper articles imported during the last three years are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Qty. ('000kg.)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. lakhs)</i>
1989-90	182493	74055(p)
1990-91	192258	82413(p)
1991-92 (Apr-Dec.)	96172	43490(p) P: Provisional

(b) Copper is allowed to be imported freely under the current Export and Import policy.

[*English*]**Manindra-BT Mills**

7794. SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Nationalisation in order to make Mainindra-BT Mills in West Bengal viable several steps such as modernisation of plants and machineries, reorganisation etc. were recommended by the Expert Committee on Textile Industries in 1985;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the national Textile Corporation in this regard; and

(c) how much progress has been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*Translation*]**Pay Scales of Scientists In Central Silk Board**

7795. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHARY:
SHRI HARI KEWAL
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken in 1984 to bring about a parity in the pay scales of scientists working in Central Silk Board with those in IACR;

(b) if so, the reason for implementing