[English]

Dues of NTC Milis

*729 SHRI DHARMA BHIKSHAM Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to write off the dues of NTC Mills running in losses, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THEMINISTEROF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G VENKAT SWAMY) (a) and (b) Government have decided, in the principle, to consider waiver/rescheduling loans given by Central Government to NTC Mills, on a case-by-case basis for each unit, on receipt of proposals in this regard

Losses in IRCC

'730 MAJ GEN (RETD) BHUWAN CHNDRA KHANDURI Will the Minister of SURFACETRANSPORT be please to state

- (a) whether the Indian Roads Construction Corporation (IRCC) has been incuming losses since long,
- (b) if so, the loss incurred during each of the last three years,
- (c) whether the Government propose to privaties this undertaking
 - (d) if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to revive this Undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TGRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The amount of loss incurred by Indian Road Construction Corporation during each of the last three years is as under.

Year	Loss incurred (Rs incrores)
1989-90	36 47
1990-91	31 43
1991-92	30 07

- (c) No, Sir
- (d) Does not arise
- (e) During 1992-93, the Government has succeeded in retrieving approximately US\$ 14 million (Rs. 42 crores) out of the outstanding dues of IRCC from Libya. In addition, IRCC is diversifying into other related activities, such as commercial use of land and real estate development and consultancy services. On successful completion of these projects, which are under process, IRCC, is likely to become financially viable.

Exports of Engineering Goods

*731 SHRI SUDHIR GIRI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

- (a) the efforts made by the Union Government towards the exploration of export market opportunities in respect of engineering goods
- (b) the quantum of engineering goods exported in the last three years as against the tragets fixed and
- (c) the countnes to which the engineering goods have been exported on a large scale during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHEMD) (a) The Government explores market opportu-