

### Export of Cotton

569. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of the major cotton growing countries which are popular for export of cotton in the world;
- (b) the names of the countries which are main buyers of Indian cotton; and
- (c) the average of foreign exchange earned by the country through export of cotton during the last three years along with the names of the countries to whom cotton was exported ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The major cotton growing and exporting countries include :

USA	CHINA
PARAGUAY	AUSTRALIA
TADZHIKISTAN	PAKISTAN
TURKMENIA	TURKEY
AZERBAIJAN	INDIA
UZBEKISTAN	

(b) and (c) Indian cotton is exported to several countries, including :

INDONESIA	HONGKONG
JAPAN	THAILAND
TAIWAN	BANGLADESH
BRAZIL	ROMANIA
PHILLIPINES	SRILANKA
SWITZERLAND	MALAYSIA
U.K.	NEPAL

The details of foreign exchange earned by the country through export of cotton during the three years are as follows :

Year	In Lakh Rupees
1992-93	72537.20
1993-94	23823.58
1994-95	8338.70

### Central Direct Tax Advisory Committee

570. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Central Direct Taxes Advisory Committee has been reconstituted;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the reconstituted Committee will submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has been reconstituted for two years keeping in view the following main objectives :-

- (i) to advise the Government on measures for developing and encouraging mutual understanding and cooperation between tax payers and the Income Tax Department; and
- (ii) to advise the Government on measures for removing administrative and procedural difficulties of a general nature.

(c) The Committee is an advisory body and does not submit any report as such. The new reconstituted Committee is yet to meet. However, suitable action is taken on the suggestions/decisions of the Committee.

[Translation]

### Rural Banks

571. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of rural banks in the country as on December 31, 1994 and 1995, separately;

(b) the break-up of the rural banks between Gramin Banks and scheduled commercial Banks;

(c) the number of old rural branches closed and of new rural branches opened during 1994-1995 and State-wise;

(d) the average rural population, according to 1991 Census, served by each rural branch, as on December 31, 1994 and 1995, State-wise; and

(e) the corresponding figure of such population for urban areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL) : (a) The total number of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in the country as on December, 1994 and 1995 is 196.

(b) As reported by Reserve Bank of India there were 12988 rural branches of RRBs and 21958 rural branches of other scheduled commercial banks as on 30th June, 1995.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

### Textile Mills in M.P.

572. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Textile Mills in M.P. at present and the number of mills closed in the State during the last three years;