

(b) the number of mills taken over by NTC or Madhya Pradesh Textiles Corporation;

(c) the number of textile mills revived in the State during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) As on 31.12.95, there were 49 Cotton/Man-made Fibre Textile Mills in Madhya Pradesh. As per available information, one mill is reported to have closed in M.P. during the last three years.

(b) The NTC(MP) Ltd., has 7 units, while the Madhya Pradesh Textiles Corporation has 1 unit.

(c) According to available information 14 cases in M.P. stand referred to BIFR.

#### Modifications in Passbook Schemes

573. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the objectives that were expected to be achieved by the introduction of the Passbook scheme for exporters in April, 1995;

(b) whether the scheme has failed to achieve those objectives;

(c) whether the Government have recently made certain changes in the aforesaid Passbook scheme on the representations received from the exporters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) the new Passbook Scheme is intended to allow certain categories of exporters to avail the facilities of Value based Advance Licence with greater flexibility and without actually going through all the procedural formalities of obtaining a licence. The Passbook scheme has been put into operation recently with some modifications.

(c) and (d) The Passbook scheme has been further liberalised to enable the exporters to import all items except those included in the Negative List of Imports.

#### Vocational Rehabilitation Centre

574. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority had allotted land for construction of a buildings for the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped (VRC) Delhi;

(b) whether the Ministry has failed to start construction on the land so far;

(c) the estimated cost of the construction of the building in the year of the allotment and the present estimated cost;

(d) the steps being taken to ensure early completion

of the building in Delhi; and

(e) the steps taken to construct its own buildings for all the VRCs ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has allotted 4,272 acres of land at Karkardooma for construction of the building of the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped (VRC) Delhi. The boundary wall has already been constructed and the building will be constructed after issue of 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) by the DDA. The matter is being vigorously pursued with D.D.A.

(c) and (d) The estimated cost of construction of the building would be worked out by the CPWD authorities after issue of NOC by DDA.

(e) Out of the 17 VRCs two centres already have their own buildings. For the remaining VRCs which suffer on account of paucity of space, suitable buildings will be constructed in a phased manner after acquiring land from the respective State Governments.

#### Export and Domestic Consumption of Coffee

575. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of coffee exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during 1995-96, till-date, country-wise;

(b) whether any quota has been earmarked by the Board for domestic sale of coffee;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Coffee Board to increase the domestic consumption and production of coffee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The quantity of coffee exported, foreign exchange earned country-wise during 1995-96 till 15.2.96 are as follows :-

Name of country	Qty. (Tonnes)	Value (US \$ Million)
1	2	3
1. Russia	26730	94.86 *
2. Italy	17695	43.72
3. USA	14363	31.63
4. Japan	8097	21.43
5. Poland	7618	18.01
6. Germany	7115	17.50
7. Czech Rep.	3510	8.42
8. Libya	2733	7.34
9. Australia	2367	6.13