

2. Ravine Stabilisation Project in UP - EC grant ECU 7.90 million.
3. Tank Rehabilitation Project in Pondicherry EC grant ECU 6.65 million.

Production And Export of Tea

2745. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable decline in the production of tea which is likely to affect tea exports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action to increase the production of tea so that the exports of tea can be promoted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The production of tea during January to May, 1996, is estimated to be 18.80 million Kg. more than corresponding period of 1995.

(c) and (d). In order to increase production, Tea Board has been operating various developmental schemes. The Board has also prepared a perspective plan to increase production of tea which includes short term measures such as optimisation of inputs and improved agricultural practices, medium term measures such as improvement of irrigation and drainage, rejuvenation, pruning and infilling and also long term measures like replanting and extension planting by bringing new areas under tea.

Profit/Losses By NTC Units

2746. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the losses/profits incurred by the each unit of NTC during the year 1995-96, state-wise;

(b) the allocation proposed to be made for revival of sick NTC mills during the above period;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide funds for the modernisation of profit earning units of the NTC particularly to Cannanore in Kerala and Mahe in the Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):
(a) A statement is attached indicating provisional

loss suffered by the mills under NTC statewise in 1995-96.

(b) to (d). On account of net worth erosion, 8 out of 9 subsidiaries of NTC excluding NTC (TN&P) Ltd. have been referred to and declared sick by BIFR.

Government has approved a revised Turn Around Strategy for NTC mills involving, inter-alia modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs.2005.72 crores, restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable units, etc. The funds for modernisation will be met out of the sale proceeds of surplus land and assets of NTC mills. For Cannanore Mills, Cannanore, it is proposed to invest a sum of Rs.10.52 crores for modernisation, as part of the revised Turn Around Strategy. In regard to Cannanore Mills, Mahe, the modernisation was implemented during the 7th plan period at an investment of Rs.3.85 crores. The strategy has been placed before the BIFR for their final approval before implementation. Pending approval of this strategy, Government has been meeting the shortfall faced by NTC in payment of wages, salaries and bonus funds required for VRS are also provided from NRF.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Mill-wise State-wise Net profit/Loss 1995-96

		(Rs. in crores)
Sr.	Mill-Name	1995-96 Provn.
1	2	3
	Delhi	
1.	Ajudhia Mills	-4.28
	Punjab	
2.	Dayalbagh Mills	-2.97
3.	Suraj Textile	-2.49
4.	Kharar Textile	-2.58
5.	Panipat Mills	-2.25
	Rajasthan	
6.	Sri Bijay Mills	-1.48
7.	Udaipur Mills	-2.56
8.	Mahalaxmi Mills	-2.03
9.	Edward Mills	-2.68
	Madhya Pradesh	
10.	Hira Mills	-5.23
11.	Swadeshi Mills	-4.77
12.	New Bhopal Mill	-5.26
13.	Burhanpur Mills	-4.70
14.	Bengal Nagur	-8.92