

the world market increased and excess production in exporting countries has continued. This has led to a decline in international prices.

(c) and (d). No diversion from coffee cultivation to other cash crops has come to Government's notice.

Funds for Retrenched Textile Workers

839. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a fund in addition to Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund to rehabilitate the retrenched textile workers of sick units of National Textiles Corporation; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up and the number of workers from Tamil Nadu who are likely to be benefited by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Union Government have set up the National Renewal Fund to rehabilitate workers including those of sick units of National Textile Corporation.

(b) The position will become clear after the guidelines for operating the National Renewal Fund are finalised.

[Translation]

Continental Float Glass Project

840. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR
RAWAT:
ACHARYA VISHWANATH
DAS SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the re-appraisal process of the Continental Float Glass Project, a joint sector project of Uttar Pradesh has been pending with the Industrial Finance Corporation of India/Industrial Development Bank of India for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India, the re-appraisal of the Continental Float Glass Project has already been completed by the financial institutions. They are, however unable to commit themselves to providing the necessary financial assistance in the absence of resolution of certain problems facing the project.

(c) The decision to finance individual projects are taken by the financial institutions and banks, based on their own commercial judgment and are not taken by Government.

Bridge over Yamuna near Naini

841. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of a new bridge over the Yamuna near Naini on National Highway No. 27 in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh has been