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Maharashtra	22
Gujarat	12
Andhra Pradesh	6
Karnataka	4
Kerala	5
Pondicherry	1
Assam	1
Bihar	2
Orissa	1
West Bengal	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

(b) and (c). There is no proposal to close down any of the mills under NTC. However, 36 unviable mills are proposed to be restructured into 18 viable mills by merger, as per the modernisation plan prepared by the Textile Research Associations.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Assistance from N.R.F.

2033. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has submitted any proposal for financial assistance from the National Renewal Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken thereon; and

(c) if not, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Two proposals from the Government of Gujarat have been received for assistance from the National Renewal Fund for restructuring of the Gujarat State Textile Corporation Ltd. and Area Regeneration Scheme for closed textile mills, under liquidation. The amount of assistance sought from the National Renewal Fund for the above two proposals is Rs.96.83 crores and Rs.168.37 crores, respectively. Assistance from National Renewal Fund is available only for Voluntary Retirement Schemes in Central Public Sector Enterprises and Schemes for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers.

#### Export of Electronics and Computer Software

2034. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of electronics and computer software has increased during 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of growth registered during the above period;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The details about export, percentage growth and foreign exchange earned are given below:-

(Value in Rs. Crore)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Electronic Hardware (% Growth)	1078.00	1507.00 (39.80)	2400.00 (59.26)
Computer Software (%Growth)	1020.00	1474.00 (44.51)	2650.00 (79.78)
Total Foreign exchange earned (%Growth)	2098.00	2981.00 (42.09)	5050.00 (69.41)

(Source: Electronics & Computer Software Export Promotion Council)

(e) The various steps taken to boost the export of these products include participation in exclusive Indian shows/international exhibitions, sponsoring of market surveys etc. Besides, the general measures taken to boost exports include introduction of Electronic Hardware Technology Parks (EHTP) Scheme and Software Technology Parks(STP) Scheme, duty free import of raw materials/capital goods, Special Import Licence, exemption from Income Tax on profits accrued out of exports, assistance under Market Development Fund etc.

#### Export of Contaminated Wheat

2035. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shipments of Indian wheat had run into problems in Turkey and Morocco with authorities there saying that the cargo was contaminated;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the ultimate fate of the contaminated wheat shipments;

(c) whether 21 countries have officially notified a ban on import of wheat infected with the Karnal bunt virus-fungus;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and