

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार और उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अपने अपने वस्त्र निगमों के माध्यम से उपरोक्त कारखानों को निम्नोक्त अग्रिम ऋण दिये:—

	म्यूर मिल्स कं. लि.	न्यू विषडोरिया मिल्स कं. लि.
केन्द्रीय सरकार	10.20 लाख रुपये	5.10 लाख रुपये
राज्य सरकार	15.43 लाख रुपये	23.00 लाख रुपये

Cotton Imported by Cotton Corporation

1331. SHRI R. K. BIRLA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cotton imported by the Cotton Corporation Since its inception;

(b) the names of the countries and the quantity of cotton from each country imported by the Corporation; and

(c) the manner in which the cotton so imported was distributed to various agencies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) None so far.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

West Bengal's request for release of Water, from Farakka Barrage

1332. SHRI J. M. BISWAS :
SHRI K. HALDER :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal Government have requested the Centre to take steps to ensure the release of 40,000 cusecs of water from the Farakka Barrage to facilitate the port operations during the dry months of the year; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). The request was received and is under study.

Possibilities of exports of castings and forgings to Western Countries

1333. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether high level teams of industrial engineering firms in Western countries visited India recently to explore possibilities of large-scale imports of intermediates, castings and forgings;

(b) if so, the outcome of their study about the possibility of exports of these items to Western countries; and

(c) whether any additional capacities of such items which found favourable foreign markets are proposed to be granted in the country and, if so, the details of the proposal in this regard and the steps taken to create such additional capacity ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) A three man team of M/s. Renault, leading car manufacturers of France, came to India recently for about 2 weeks. They visited a number of manufacturing units and evinced interest in a large number of items including castings and forgings provided quality and price were satisfactory.

(b) and (c). Negotiations are still going on and it is too early to indicate details about availability of capacity etc.

Annual Plan for Bihar

1334. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual Plan of the State of Bihar for the year 1971-72 has been discussed between the Planning Commission and the Bihar State Government representatives;

(b) if so, the details of the Annual Plan chalked out as a result of these discussions;

(c) the extent of allocations under different heads demanded by that Government's representatives, as contained in their draft