

बिना संश्लेष में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रमद कुमार मुन्शी) : (क) सरकार के पास कोई जानकारी नहीं है जिससे यह विश्वास किया जा सके कि रक्षा लेखा नियंत्रण के कार्यालयों में हुई पदोन्नतियों और तबादलों के पीछे कोई राजनैतिक कारण है ।

- (ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

#### Re-Classification of Cloth

5966. DR. LAXMINARAIN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the qualities of cloth are proposed to be re-classified; and

(b) whether powerloom cloth is also likely to become excisable as a result of the proposed classification?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) The question of revision of the existing classification of mill-made cloth is proposed to be discussed in the meeting of the Cotton Textiles Consultative Board on 17th April, 1975.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Foreign holdings in Hindustan Lever Ltd.

5967. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equity holdings of Unilever London in Hindustan Lever Limited is 85 per cent;

(b) whether the whole of this equity amount has come out of the cumulative profits over the years from our country;

(c) whether the grant of C.O.B. licence in the above context to Hindustan Lever Limited means permission for further continuous exploita-

tion of our gullible consumers in the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The application of Hindustan Lever Limited under Section 29(2) (a) of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 for permission to continue to carry on its existing activities is under examination.

#### Export of Basmati Rice

5968. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Basmati rice has emerged as a major export earner for the country;

(b) if so, the figures of export during the current year as compared to the corresponding period last year; and

(c) the steps envisaged to keep up these exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The export of Basmati Rice during the last two years has been as under:—

	Quantity (T)	Value Rs. in lakh
1973-74	14822	668.18
1974-75*	26234	1312.05

\* (April-Nov. 74).

(c) As incentive for increasing production, more attractive price is being paid to the growers for basmati paddy. A proposal to encourage con-