

mill industry as a whole, affecting weak and marginal mills more acutely. About 31 mills are reported to be lying closed at present due to various reasons including financial difficulties, labour-management relations and also bad management.

(c) and (d). Some of the important steps taken to alleviate the rigours of the difficulties faced by cotton textile industry are:—

(i) Apart from regulating more effectively the distribution of the available supplies of cotton, cotton availability has been augmented by way of imports. Substitute materials like staple fibre and polyester fibre have been allowed imports on OGL, without duty in case of staple fibre.

(ii) It has been made mandatory on cotton textile mills to use at least 10 per cent of their raw materials by way of man-made fibres.

(iii) Scheduled commercial banks have been advised not to enforce credit restrictions on financial weak mills in a rigid or indiscriminate manner. For instance, units which have been exempted from the production of controlled cloth could be exempted from imposition of enhanced margin of 10 per cent.

(iv) IDBI has started operating its scheme for soft loans to cotton textile mills for modernisation.

**Proposal to make Indian Standard Institute Certificate for Consumer Items**

3005. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government of making the Indian Standard Institute Certificate compulsory for some consumer items; and

(b) if so, the names of such items?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to make conformity to I.S.I. standards obligatory for the manufacture, sale and distribution of some household electrical appliances.

**Master Plans for Development of Tourism**

3006. SHRI T. S. SHRANGARE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have requested the State Governments to submit their Master Plans for the development of tourist centres and tourism; and

(b) if so, how many State Governments have sent their master plans and the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

नियन्त्रित मूल्य वाले कपड़े के उत्पादन में कमी

3007. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय : क्या बाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नियन्त्रित मूल्य वाले कपड़े का उत्पादन गत दो वर्षों में काफी गिर गया है;

(ख) क्या गरीब एवं मध्य वर्गीय लोगों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए इस प्रकार के कपड़े का उत्पादन बढ़ाने का विचार है; और

(ग) उक्त कपड़े के उत्पादन के लिए सरकार ने क्या उपाय किये हैं ?