

interest to divulge the details of the report or the action proposed to be taken thereon at this stage.

[*Translation*]

**Programme to Provide Powerlooms to Handloom Weavers**

5999. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government introduced a programme to provide powerlooms to handloom weavers during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the extent to which it was implemented and the details in respect of remaining part thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to continue this programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan also;

(d) whether the amount of loan and subsidy given is too small to set up a powerloom; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to increase the same ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKAR SINGH) : (a) 25000 Powerlooms had been ear-marked for allotment to the Handloom Cooperative Societies during the Sixth Five Year Plan period.

(b) Statewise quotas were placed at the disposal of the respective State Governments for allotment to Handloom Cooperative Societies. Implementation of the same is being carried out by the concerned State Textile Authorities, who were requested that the quotas should be utilised within the Sixth Five Year Plan Period itself.

(c) Government have not decided so far to continue this programme during Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) and (e). The Central Government have not provided for any special scheme of loan or subsidy for this programme.

[*English*]

**Proposal to Start Another Yard of SAIL at Cochin**

6000. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that the facilities in the yard of the Steel Authority of India Ltd., at Willingdon Island, Cochin are inadequate to meet the industries in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the facilities; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start another yard of the Steel Authority of India Limited at Cochin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) SAIL feel that their present stockyard at Cochin is inadequate due to its

(i) being small in size and land being in two portions thus making the operations difficult; and

(ii) not having facilities for unloading a rake of iron and steel materials.

To overcome these constraints SAIL have selected a suitable alternate plot of land closer to the railway station for their stockyard. The State Government has been requested to initiate acquisition proceedings and the Railways have been requested to conduct a feasibility survey for a siding.

**Refinancing to Mini Cement Plants by IDBI**

6001. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India has stopped all refinancing to the mini cement plants w. e. f. 15 January, 1985;