

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a)

The purchases of cotton made by Cotton Corporation of India from the various cotton growing States except Maharashtra, where the Corporation does not operate, during the cotton years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 are as given below :—

year	Quantity (figures in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)
1982-83	9.71
1983-84	5.24
1984-85	6.68

(b) Government are not aware of any huge accumulation of stocks with the growers.

(c) The Cotton Corporation of India has a tentative programme of purchasing various about 15 lakh bales of cotton from the cotton growing states including 3.75 lakh bales from Gujarat during the current cotton season.

(d) Government of India have already released for export during the current cotton season a quantity of two lakh bales of long and extra-long staple cotton, 27,000 bales of Bengal Deshi and 25,000 bales of yellow Pickings.

Increase in Officers Cader and Decrease in Class IV Employees in the Nationalised Banks

3965. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of officers clerks and Class IV employees working in the nationalised banks as in the years 1978 and 1984; and

(b) the reasons for increase in officers cadre and decrease in class IV employees cadre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) : Reserve Bank of India has reported that there were 101042 officers, 244509 clerks and 108109 subordinate cadre employees in the 22 public sector banks at the end of December 1978 and 184075 officers, 399495 clerks and 155342 subordinate cadre employees in the 28 public sector banks at the end of December, 1984.

(b) The strength of both officers cadre as well as subordinate staff cadre (corresponding to class IV employees) have in fact registered an increase.

Quantity and Value of Goods Imported During 1982-1985.

3966. **SHRI M. RAGHUMA REEDY :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity and value of rice, sugar, cement, steel and gunny bags imported during the period 1.1.1982 to 31.7.1985;

(b) the names of countries where from these were imported; and

(c) the foreign exchange involved in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). The foreign trade statistics are recorded and published on financial year basis in the monthly statistics of foreign trade of India. A statement showing imports (quantity, value and major countries) of rice, sugar, cement, iron and steel and jute and hessian bags and bagging and sacks during the years 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 (upto February, 1983) is enclosed. Date beyond February, 1983 are not yet available.