

(b) Government has been continuously taking steps to increase exports to the USSR. These steps include participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, holding of buyer-seller meets, exchange of commercial and business delegations and periodic reviews at the forum of the Inter-Governmental Joint Commissions.

(c) and (d) Both India and the Soviet Union are taking steps to diversify and broaden bilateral trade and ensure its growth through new forms of cooperation. In that direction, both sides are having discussions to identify areas for production cooperation co-production and cooperation in services sector.

#### Price and Tariff Concerning Polyester Filament Yarn.

4947. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representation regarding the existing distortions in the price and tariff policies concerning polyester filament yarn ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to bring down the demand for reduction in its price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) After reduction in duty on polyester staple fibre in August 1985, Government have received representations for reduction in duty on polyester filament yarn. Market prices of filament yarn have shown a declining trend recently. The situation is under constant watch of the Government.

#### Customs Duty Collected on Yarn of Man-made Fibre

4948. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of customs duty collected on yarn of man-made fibre from 31 March, 1985 to 31 September, 1985 ; and

(b) the total value of textile goods exported from India from 31 March, 1985 to 31 September, 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The total amount of import duty collected during the period 1st April, 1985 to 30th September, 1985 on yarn of man-made fibres is Rs. 78.42 crores.

(b) The provisional figure of value of textile goods exported from India from 1st April, 1985 to 30th September, 1985 is Rs. 770.62 crores on the basis of reports received from Textile Export Promotion Councils.

#### Increase in Production of Steel

4949. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no possibility of increasing the production of steel in the public sector ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government are considering to allow private units to increase their production ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, other measures taken to meet the increasing demand of steel in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir. The production of saleable steel at the integrated steel plants of SAIL (including IISCO) during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 and their plans for the future are indicated below :—