

expenditure for 1986-87. In the Budget for 1986-87 central plan outlay has been placed at Rs. 22300 crores. The figures of Rs. 19845 crores referred to was derived earlier by adopting the total central plan outlay as provided in the seventh plan and phasing it in the manner projected in the long terms Fiscal Policy, assuming an annual price increase of 5%. This was an illustrative pre-Budget exercise for eliciting comments and suggestions and encouraging debate on important public issues. Actual inflation rate for the current year will be known only after the year is over.

Financial Performance of Corporate Sector

2870. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA ;

NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study on the financial performance of the corporate sector;

(b) if so, the years covered under the study; and

(c) the details of the performance of the corporate sector during the period under review ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No study on the financial performance of the corporate sector as a whole has been made by the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Exploring New Markets for Export of Coir Goods

2871. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to explore new markets in European countries for the Indian coir goods;

(b) if so, the details there of; and

(c) the steps being taken to make coir goods competitive in the international market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). Almost all European Countries are already India's markets for coir and coir products. However, the Government have been taking a number of steps to improve the competitive strength of Indian coir which include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisement in foreign trade magazines, distribution of publicity material, participation in fairs, quality improvement and grant of export incentives.

[Translation]

Alleged Misappropriation by Selling Powerloom Cloth as Handloom Cloth at Expo.-86

2872. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Powerloom Ko hastkargha banane ka tilsam yani Expo-86" (The magic of making powerloom as handloom i.e. Expo-86) appearing in the "Patliputra Times", Patna of 8th February, 1986 wherein it has been alleged that crores of rupees have been misappropriated by terming powerloom cloth as handloom;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard so far;

(c) if no action has been taken, whether Government propose to order a high level inquiry into this case; and

(d) the details of the action taken against those officers of the Corporation as well as the various Unions who are involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has requested Government of Bihar to conduct a

detailed inquiry into the matter, including technical tests on fabric construction.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) On completion of inquiry, Bihar Government will be suitably instructed to take action against those responsible for the irregularities if any.

Supply of Cheap Cloth to Poor People

2873. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of Government, regarding export of textiles and making available cheap cloth to the poor people in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the quality of this cloth was very inferior and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Cotton cloth is freely allowed to be exported under open General Licence (OGL). However, in certain countries the import of cloth has been subjected to quantitative restraints under Bilateral Textile Agreements. In such cases the exports are regulated under the Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for fabrics announced every year.

The Textile Policy envisages an overall increase in the production of controlled cloth and Janata cloth in order to provide a large quantum of such cloth at affordable prices to the poorer sections of the population. The Policy also stipulates that the public distribution of controlled cloth would be strengthened and streamlined. Adequate measure will also be taken to improve the quality of such cloth.

Measures have been initiated by the National Textile Corporation to improve the quality of controlled cloth presently being produced and the same is being monitored by the Government in consultation with the Textiles Committee. However, no specific complaints have been received in this Ministry from the consumers about the quality of such cloth,

(English)

Procurement of Wheat by FCI in Haryana and Punjab

2874. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of wheat purchased by Food Corporation of India in Haryana and Punjab so far; and

(b) the steps taken by Food Corporation of India to prevent distress sale in Haryana and Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) According to reports received, the Food Corporation of India has procured 22.73 lakh tonnes of wheat in Haryana and Punjab during the current rabi marketing season.

(b) Adequate number of purchase centres are opened by the Food Corporation of India and State agencies to extend price support of farmers.

Purchase of Paddy in Haryana and Punjab

2875. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) total quantity of purchased from farmers in Haryana and Punjab;

(b) whether it is fact that due to delay in purchase the farmers had to sell their paddy at cheaper rates than the support price; and

(c) the steps to be taken to safeguard the interest of the farmers in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) According to reports received up to 7-3-86, the total quantity of paddy purchased from farmers in Haryana and Punjab, during the current kharif marketing season, by the State Governments and their agencies, the