

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHAKER) : (a) We are not aware of any specific ASEAN initiative to encourage Indian investment.

(b) Efforts are continuously being made to expand trade and economic cooperation.

(c) India is a not importer of capital. Therefore, we do not encourage heavy outflow of Indian capital.

[*Translation*]

Reopening of Eight Textile Mills in Ahmedabad

2951. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to reopen 8 cotton textile mills in Ahmedabad and the time by which these mills will start functioning again;

(b) the amount provided by the Union Government to reopen these closed mills and when the amount has been provided; and

(c) the number of employees who were working in the mills lying closed and the means of livelihood being provided to the workers rendered jobless ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) The Government of Gujarat have nationalised 12 closed cotton textile mills in Ahmedabad with a view to restructuring and reorganising them to form a few viable units.

(b) The Central Government has agreed to release advance plan assistance of Rs. 65 crores to the State Government for implementing the scheme of nationalisation, of which a sum of Rs. 30 crores has already been released to the State Government on 1-1-1986.

(c) The number of employees on the rolls of these 12 mills at the time of nationalisation was around 26,000. The scheme of nationalisation of the State

Government envisages reemployment of part of the workers and rationalisation of the rest with terminal benefits.

[*English*]

Central Warehouses in Sikkim

2952. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any Central Warehouses in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the capacity of these warehouses; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to construct warehouses by the Union Government in Sikkim keeping in view frequent disruption of supply of essential goods to the State due to heavy landslides on the national highway connecting Sikkim with the rest of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) to (c). The Food Corporation of India has a hired capacity of 1200 tonnes in Sikkim. Besides, the Central Warehousing Corporation has approached the State Government for identification of suitable centres where the Corporation could set up its warehouses for storage of foodgrains and other commodities.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Haryana

2953. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of branches proposed banks in Haryana at present; and

(b) the number of branches proposed to be opened during 1986-87 in Haryana ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POJARY) : (a) Reserve