

open its Representative Office at New Delhi. The Office has yet to become operational.

(b) The Representative Office of a Bank is not permitted to engage itself directly in any banking or commercial activity.

(c) The branches/offices of foreign banks in India and vice-versa are opened with a view to helping the trade between the concerned countries.

(d) and (e) The Royal Bank of Canada has reportedly granted facilities to a number of Indian entities spread across the banks' global Net Work.

Import of textile machinery

3793. SHRI K.V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering proposals regarding import of textile machinery liberally;

(b) if so, whether the Union Minister of Industry had stated that Government would import such textile machinery which was not available indigenously;

(c) whether Government propose to gear up the textile machinery industry fully to meet the entire requirement of such rehabilitation and modernisation of the textile industry; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the weaker sector in the textile industry viz. the handloom sector was adequately protected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) The textile machinery industry is currently in a position to meet almost the entire range of machinery required by the cotton textile industry. However, import of textile

machinery is allowed as per the provisions of the Import Policy in vogue. Only that textile machinery is allowed for import is highly sophisticated and for which there is no indigenous angle. The import policy is reviewed from time to time and necessary amendments are effected in it so as to ensure that the user industry does not suffer.

(d) In order to protect the handloom sector, Government have reserved a number of handloom textile items to be exclusively manufactured in this sector only.

Proposal for abolition of sub-depots of FCI

3794. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(b) whether there is any proposal for the abolition of sub-depots of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allotted during the financial year 1985-86 for the construction of godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala showing the amount allotted for each godown; and

(d) the amount spent during 1985-86 in respect of each such godown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) FCI in consultation with concerned State Governments has decided not to undertake the retail distribution work on behalf of the State Governments which is not its normal function. As a result those distribution centres/depots which are not required for the purpose may be closed or de-hired.

(c) and (d) A statement is attached

Statement

Statement showing works in progress in Kerala State during 1985-86 budget requirement, expenditure incurred upto 12/85 and likely to be incurred upto 3/86.

Sl. No.	Centre/capacity in 000' tonnes	Expenditure upto 3/85 (Rs. lakhs)	Budget Provision for 1985-86 (Rs. lakhs)	Expenditure incurred upto 31.12.85 (Rs. lakhs)	Expenditure likely to be incurred during 1.1.86 to 31.3.86 (Rs. lakhs)	Total likely expenditure during 1985-86 (Rs. lakhs)	Progressive total upto 31.3.1986 (Rs. lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kerala Region							
1.	Olavakot-I (25)	73.28	15.72	3.58	12.14	15.72	89.00
2.	Olavakot-II (7.5)	22.68	7.91	3.38	4.53	7.91	30.59
3.	Thikkodi-I (20)	74.06	6.49	3.70	2.79	6.49	80.55
4.	Thikkodi-II (10)	21.52	15.28	0.56	14.72	15.28	36.80
5.	Thikkodi-III (10)	35.02	14.98	14.80	0.18	14.98	50.00
6.	Karunagapally (20)	148.36	20.45	20.45	—	20.45	168.81
7.	Kazakuttam-I (13.34)	54.41	15.59	4.06	11.53	15.59	70.00
8.	Kazakuttam-II (12)	52.41	5.68	4.39	1.29	5.68	58.09
9.	Angamali-II (10)	29.34	71.96	12.96	59.00	71.96	101.30
10.	Avaneswaram (5)	3.09	26.51	11.63	14.88	26.51	29.60
11.	Avaneswaram (5)	—	58.00	7.07	50.93	58.00	58.00
12.	Mula Kinathukam (1.92)	—	13.00	3.42	9.58	13.00	13.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13.	Quilon (1.28)	—	8.30	5.73	2.57	8.30	8.30
14.	Chirugavanam	—	4.65	2.32	2.33	4.65	4.65
15.	Olavakot (Rly siding)	—	128.47	128.47	—	128.47	128.47
16.	Thikkodi (Rly siding)	—	32.76	32.76	—	32.76	32.76
	Total	514.17	445.75	259.28	186.47	445.75	959.92