

**Delay in Granting Letter of Intent/Industrial Licence for New Cooperative Sugar Mills in Karnataka**

7910. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of applications for grant of letter of intent/industrial licence which are pending before Government for setting up of new co-operative sugar factories in Karnataka ;

(b) since when they are pending ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving the licences ?

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) No application for grant of letter of intent/industrial licence is pending before the Government for setting up of new cooperative sugar factories in the State of Karnataka, at present.

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

**Delay in granting Industrial Licences for setting up of Cooperative Spinning Mills**

7911. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of pending applications for grant of industrial licences for setting up of cooperative spinning mills in the country ;

(b) since how long they are pending ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving such permission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) As per the information available, 5 applications for the grant of letter of intent for the setting

up of new spinning units in the cooperative sector are under various stages of consideration.

(b) These applications were received around 1 to 2 months back.

(c) Does not arise.

**Glut of Cotton in the Market**

7912. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to bumper crops of cotton in the country during the last two years, there has been a glut in the market in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat ;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view the bumper production, Government are hesitating to purchase the cotton at the fixed price and the farmers are facing great difficulty in selling their produce ; and

(c) if so, the quantity and quality of cotton so accumulated in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat and steps being taken by Government to purchase it to save the poor farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). The production of cotton in the country during the current cotton season i.e. 1985-86 is estimated at about 107.00 lakh bales as against the production of 101.5 lakh bales during the last cotton season. The total consumption is estimated to be 91.65 lakh bales in the current cotton season as against 91.15 lakh bales in the last cotton season. Therefore there has been/likely to be a surplus over the demand.

The cotton crop in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat estimated at 13.25 lakh bales and 21 lakh bales respectively. Out of these, about 12 lakh bales in Andhra Pradesh and 16 lakh bales in Gujarat have already been marketed. The Cotton Corporation of India has purchased over 3.00 lakh bales each in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.