

### Assistance from West Germany

3322. SHRI SHANTARAM POT-DUKHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Germany has agreed to give developmental assistance to India;

(b) if so, the amount agreed upon; and

(c) the conditions laid down for such assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The Federal Republic of Germany has been giving development assistance to India on an annual basis. For 1986 the allocation agreed to is DM 395m (Rs. 225 crores) as Financial Assistance (Soft Loan) and DM 33m (Rs. 18.75 crores) as Technical Assistance Grants. The financial assistance includes DM 150 million for specific projects, an amount that will be matched by an Export Credit of DM 150 million on commercial terms, under mixed financing arrangements.

(c) While the Soft Loan carries an interest rate of 0.75 per cent with repayment spread over 50 years, inclusive of 10 years moratorium, the technical assistance is given cent per cent grant-in-aid.

### Shortage of viscose staple fibre

3323. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether 70 spinning mills have been shut down due to acute shortage of viscose staple fibre coupled with uneconomic prices;

(b) whether this shortage has been created by some of the monopoly houses; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken or purpose to take to ensure continuous and regular availability of viscose staple fibre at reasonable prices to the spinning mills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHUR-

SHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. There was a temporary set back in the production of Viscose Staple Fibre due to strike at Nagda Unit of Gwalior Rayons in March, 1986. However, the strike has ended and the Unit has resumed production since May, 1986.

The availability of Regular Viscose Staple Fibre through indigenous production and imports under OGL is reviewed from time to time.

Non-clearance to Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. Kakinada (A. P.)  
by IDBI

3324. SHRI GOPALA KRISHNA THOTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Development Bank of India has not so far given its clearance to the Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Development Bank of India has reported that Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Kakinada has not so far obtained Government approval for foreign technical collaboration and international competitive bids for the import of major plant and machinery.

[Translation]

News item captioned "America will send back 141 Indians"

3326. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :  
SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA  
MURTY :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH  
MALIK :  
SHRI R. M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;