

Corporation of India has purchased cotton from the farmers in Andhra Pradesh at Minimum Support Prices fixed by the Government for Kapas of fair average quality. The Corporation makes deductions when the quality of Kapas falls below the fair average quality.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Cotton Corporation of India purchase cotton at Minimum Support Price whenever the prices fall below minimum support level without any restriction on quantity.

#### Eviction of people from Cochin for Dronacharya Project

7854. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people evicted from Fort Cochin for the Dronacharya Project of the Navy; and

(b) the compensation paid to the evictees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) (i) From private lands -166 persons.

(ii) From Govt. lands - 211 persons.

(b) (i) Private land -Rs.1,53,74,868.95.

(ii) A sum of Rs. 18.00 lakhs has been paid to the State Govt. for rehabilitation of evictees from Govt. land. The rehabilitation is being done by the State Government.

#### Export of Cotton

7855. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bales of long and extra long staple cotton released by Government for export purposes in 1986-87;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the export of cotton in 1987-88;

(c) if so, the total number of bales released so far; and

(d) the cotton export target set for the year 1987-88?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d). Under the long-term export policy announced by the Government, a quantity of 5 lakh bales of long and extra-long staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Bengal Deshi & Digvijay variety will be exported per year for a period of 3 years, beginning with the current cotton season 1986-87. During the current year 1986-87, Government have released so far, 4.5 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal Deshi.

Any increase in the exports in 1987-88 will depend upon factors like size of the crop, domestic demand, carry-over stock etc.

#### Youth Tourism

7856. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals for development of youth tourism in the country in coming years are under consideration;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the names of places selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Tourism, to promote spirit of adventure among the youth, has sanctioned funds for the purchase of trekking equipment for use in Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Himachal Pradesh during the first two years of the current Five Year Plan. In addition, funds have also been released for the construction of trekker's huts in Sikkim. Similar facilities will also be considered for other States where such activity is possible.