

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b). STC has entered into contract with various private tanners in Kandla for tinning imported refined oils for distribution under PDS allocations as per instructions of the Government. With the Government's decision to stop import of Palm Oil, the tinning work was restricted to Palmolein in 15 kg and 2 kg tins.

During the period Nov. '88 to Aug. '89, owing to easy availability of indigenous edible oils at competitive prices, imports of Palmolein and its distribution under PDS was drastically reduced resulting in no requirement of tinning imported edible oil from November '88 to August '89 in 15kg tins and 2 kg tins.

(c) Since September, 1989 Palmolein imports are being arranged on a regular basis by STC and based on monthly allocations, tinning work in 15kg/2kg tins is being done by private tanners in Kandla, who have capacities for tinning imported edible oils in 15 kg/2kg tins.

[*Translation*]

Regularisation of Jhuggi Jhonpari Basties

2469. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to regularise Jhuggi-Jhonpari basties in Delhi; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of Jhuggi-Jhonparies allotted so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). Government's policy is to upgrade the living conditions in existing JJ clusters

and not to demolish old existing Jhuggis without providing alternative.

[*English*]

Handloom Exports

2470. SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of handloom goods exported during the last three years; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to step up the exports?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Exports of handloom garments, fabrics and made-ups (both cotton and non-cotton) during the last three years and the first 10 months of the current year have been as follows:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Value (in Rs crores)</i>
1986-87	447.39
1987-88	516.20
1988-89	630.79
1989-90	654.69

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Source: HEPC

(b) The Government have a number of steps to boost handloom exports such as sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market researches, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distributions of publicity material, participation in exhibitions abroad and qual-