

(C) As and when cases of illegal constructions are detected, necessary action as per the law is taken by the authorities concerned. The machinery has been activated in this regard. Under the instruction of the Lt. Governor of Delhi, a Control Room has also started functioning to facilitate prompt reporting of unauthorised construction by the public.

[English]

Purchase of Cotton by CCI

2589. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India this season;

(b) the quantity of cotton offered for purchase and the quantity which could not be purchased by the Corporation; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to purchase all the cotton offered for sale?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India has purchased 9.78 lakh bales of cotton till 21.3.90 during the 1989-90 cotton season.

(b) and (c). The Corporation undertakes price support operations, without any quantitative limits, in the eventuality of fall in prices of cotton of fair average quantity below minimum support levels. There has been virtually no need for price support operations so far nor have any reports been received of distress sale by farmers. However, CCI has been directed to step up volume of purchases in respect of such varieties of cotton whose prices approach support levels. Government have also released quotas for the export of 12.85 lakh bales of cotton of various varieties, 50,000 bales of Soft Cot-

ton Waste and 1 lakh Kgs. of Hard Cotton Waste so far during the current season to provide farmers with the benefit of higher international prices.

Mysore Spinning Mills

2590. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received an appeal to take steps to reopen the Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Mills (Raja Mills) which was destroyed in fire on 18 January, 1990; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Government have been receiving references from various quarters regarding reopening the Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Mills (Raja Mills), Bangalore, which was destroyed by fire on 18th January, 1990. Government/NTC is making all out efforts to reopen the Mill at the earliest.

Use of *Cineraria Maritima* as Homoeopathic Medicine

2591. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that scientists of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy have discovered a plant viz. *Cineraria Maritima*, an exotic of Nilgiri Hills whose juice is extensively used for the manufacture of homoeopathic medicines for Eye ailments, as reported in 'National Herald' dated 15th February, 1990; and