

In Branch No. 3 for doing Insurance of Crores of Rupees, the agents and Development Officers procured lakhs of Rupees from Insurable persons and instead of this cash amount they deposited forged cheques for depositing the said premium amount and thereafter cheques were dishonoured. When the complaint about it reached the Headquarter, the Vigilance Department made investigation of this matter at Secretary level and he submitted the Report to Headquarter in January 94, but without having any action the matter was again handed over for reinvestigation to Special Cell.

But this Special Cell could not make any decision during these three years. Meanswhile many more scandals came into light and CBI started investigation. Thereafter, the Zonal Office of the Corporation from Delhi sent the team of Officers (Ankekshekon). This team is staying here for the last ten days.

According to the sources of LIC, throughout the offices of the Corporation in the country that due to investigation activities which are going on through CBI and other agencies that at any time any investigating team can come here and start investigation. But so far no fruitful result has come out and no action has been taken against the culprits involved in Bogus Insurance scandal.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY

1733. **Shri Rampal Singh :**
Dr. P. Vallal Peruman :
Shri Rabi Ray :
Shri Pankaj Chowdhary :
Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy :
Shri V. S. Vijayaraghavan :
Shri Mahesh Kanodia :
Shri Manoranjan Bhakta :
Shri R. Surender Reddy :

Will the **Minister of Textiles** be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from export of textiles during the year 1994-95;

(b) whether the Government have recently decided to open more branches of National Institute of Fashion Technology in the country to promote the export of textiles;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the number of students proposed to be trained by this Institute every year; and

(e) the extent upto which the textile export of the country is likely to increase as a result thereof ?

The Minister of Textiles (Shri G. Venkat Swamy) : (a) US \$ 9980 Million.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has sanctioned opening of five more branches of National Institute of Fashion Technology from this academic year. The details are given below :

State	Location
1. Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2. Tamil Nadu	Madras
3. Gujarat	Gandhinagar
4. Maharashtra	Bombay
5. West Bengal	Calcutta

(d) Two courses namely Fashion Design (3-Year) and Garment Manufacturing Technology (2-Year) are introduced in all the five branches. In each course 30 students will be admitted.

(e) The professional training will prepare the industry skilled and competent managerial level persons who will improve quality, productivity and quantum of exports. Since, it is only one of the inputs to increase exports, exact prediction based on a single factor is not possible.

[English]

INCREASE IN FLIGHTS AND AIR POLLUTION

1734. **Shri Prakash V. Patil :** Will the **Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of international and domestic flights operating from different airports of the country have increased substantially during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the increase in air-flights is likely to lead to air pollution, discharge of noxious gases and congestion at airports of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated to meet the situation arising out of the increase in air flights?

The Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The increase in International and domestic flights from different airports in the country during the last two years is indicated below :

	1993-94	1994-95
International flights	66820	70173
Domestic flights	120304	139417

(c) and (d) Environmental pollution due to increasing aircraft operations is not likely to reach alarming proportions in the immediate future. With the increase in air traffic, congestion at some airports is likely to increase. Airports Authority of India has drawn up plans for the upgradation of the airports and the infrastructural facilities in order to meet the short/long term requirements.

[Translation]

INFLATION RATE

1735. **Shri Brahmanand Mandal :**

Dr. Lal Bahadur Rawal :

Will the **Minister of Finance** be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for rising inflation in the country;