

statistical data. The use of graphs, charts and diagrams are made in illustrating statistical information including those relating to international trade covering exports, imports and trade balance.

[English]

Cotton Federation of India

3974. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cheques issued by Cotton Federation of India to the cotton grower farmers in Maharashtra against the payment towards their cotton crops have not yet been encashed even after a long time has passed; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in payment and when these cheques are likely to be encashed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Dividend Payment to Foreign Investors

3975. DR. MUMTAZ ANSARI :

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have announced to withdraw it's condition which makes it compulsory for foreign investors to maintain the balance between income accrued to them on account of exports and their dividend with immediate effect;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PÁL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

100 Seater Passenger Aircraft

3976. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA :

SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating of manufacturing 100 seater passenger aircraft under the joint venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of countries in collaboration of which the Government propose to manufacture these aircrafts;

(d) the amount likely to be invested in this work, country-wise;

(e) the time by which this project is likely to be given a final shape;

(f) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics have signed any agreement in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the silent features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (g) A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in November, 1993 by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) with M/s. Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. of South Korea for conducting a feasibility study on manufacture of a medium sized passenger aircraft jointly by Republic of South Korea, People's Republic of China, Singapore and India. Thereafter, the Government of South Korea have replaced M/s. Daewoo with M/s. Samsung Aerospace as lead partner. A decision on HAL's participation would be taken on the basis of evaluation of costs and benefits.

[English]

National Media Commission

3977. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint a national Media Commission to study the financial conditions and wage policy in all medias;

(b) whether the Government is also considering to ban the contractual appointments in the newspaper industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The Government has not taken any decision for the setting up of a National Media Commission.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of Government.

[Translation]

Setting up of Dryport in Agra

3978. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a dryport in Agra;

(b) if so, the details of the approved scheme thereof and the time by which it will start functioning; and