

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance met twice in 1984.

(b) the prime function of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance is to advise the Ministry on matters relating to the progressive use of Hindi for official purposes, and no resolutions are passed in these meetings.

(c) does not arise.

[English]

India's Share in World Cotton Trade

3702. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) India's share in the World Cotton trade at present ;

(b) whether there has been any increase in India's share over the years ; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) According to available information India's share in the World Cotton trade during the last three years is as follows :

Year	India's Share in World Cotton Trade
1981-82	1.35%
1982-83	2.74%
1983-84	1.61%

As a result of efforts made in the field of cotton development, cotton production has increased over the years. However, as cotton is the main raw material of textile industry most of the cotton produced in the country is used by the domestic textile industry. The varieties of cotton whose production is surplus to our domestic requirements are exported to foreign countries.

[Translation]

Foreign Exchange Earned Through Export of Flowers

3703 PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of flowers exported during 1984-85 and the foreign exchange earned thereby ; and

(b) the varieties of flowers being exported and whether several varieties of 'orchidous' flower grown by Arunachal Government can be grown at other places also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Estimated exports of cut-flowers/fresh flowers and orchid plants in 1984-85 are as under :—

(i) Cut-flowers/ fresh flowers	Rs. 22.71 lakhs
(ii) Orchid Plants	Rs. 5.16 lakhs

(b) Gladioli, Tube roses are among the principal varieties of flowers exported. It is understood that varieties of orchidous flowers grown in Arunachal Pradesh can be grown in other areas having identical climatic conditions.

[English]

Role of Financial Institutions in Achieving Targets of 20-Point Programme

3704. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to issue instructions to the Government financial institutions (other than Banks) to play a vital role in achieving targets laid down in the 20-Point Programme ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the programme and policy of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b) Government of India had written to the Industrial Development Banks of India (IDBI) in May 1983 requesting IDBI to place suitable emphasis in implementing the recommendations of the Committee headed by the then Chairman of IDBI regarding measures for speedy implementation of the 20-Point Programme so far as it related to the financial institutions. There is no proposal to issue any fresh instructions in this regard.

S.C. and S.T. Employees in N.A.L.C.O

3705, SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :