

(a) the total number of employees in National Aluminium Company Limited as on 1 March, 1982, 1 March, 1985, particularly in Orissa ;

(b) the number of S.C. and S.T. employees amongst them ;

(c) whether reservation rules in favour of S.C. and S.T. employees are being followed and rosters maintained for that purpose ;

(d) if so, the reasons for the shortfall, if any ;

(e) the steps taken to fill the quota reserved for these communities ; and

(f) the number of reserved posts lapsed during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) and (b) The total number of employees in National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) as on 1st March, 1982 and 1st March, 1985, in Orissa was 125 and 1439 respectively. The number of SC and ST employees amongst them was SC—8 and ST-1 on 1.3.1982, and SC—186 and ST—94 as on 1-3-1985

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The primary reason is general scarcity of qualified candidates belonging to SC and ST categories, especially in a Company like NALCO with high technology content and low labour intensity.

(e) Special recruitment drive has been launched for filling up backlog of reserved vacancies to make up the shortfall, which include exclusive advertisements/notifications, and relaxation of standards consistent with administrative efficiency.

(f) None.

Increase in Garment Export During 1984-85.

3706. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether garment export has increased in 1984-85 over the last year ; and

(b) if so, the amount of increase in the major cities concerned (with figures of exports in rupees) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES

(SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the provisional figures furnished by the Apparel Export Promotion Council, garment export for the period from April, 1984 to February, 1985 amounted to Rs 827.56 crores as compared to Rs. 631.68 crores during the corresponding period of 1983-84 representing an increase of 31%. Citywise export figures are not maintained.

News Item Captioned "Strict U.S. Policy to Hit India"

3707. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Strict U.S. aid policy to hit India" appearing in "The Hindustan Times" of 27 March, 1985 ;

(b) if so, whether it will affect the financial condition of the country ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Agency for International Development has included the following figures of bilateral aid to India during the last 3 years 1984-86.

	(\$ Million)		
	1984 Actual	1985 Estimated	1986 Proposed
Development Economic Assistance		87.5	85.0 85.0
PL-480 Title II		115.1	90.6 93.54
International Military Education & Training.		—	— 0.35
Total		202.6	175.6 178.89

The AID proposals for US FY 86 (Sept. 85—Oct. 86) for various Third World Countries are under consideration of the concerned Committees of the House and the Senate. The proposals will not affect the financial condition of the country.

Loss in N.T.C.

3708. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :