

Punjab National Bank, was arrested by CBI on 16th March 1985. On 16th April 1985, the Delhi High Court ordered his release on bail. During this period of one month he was in police custody for nine days and judicial custody for the remaining period. Apart from the CBI case, Scotland Yard, London is also investigating certain allegations relating to certain transactions of Rajinder Singh Sethia with the Central Bank of India, London. During the investigations, Scotland Yard are reported to have arrested the following persons :

- (i) Shri B. R. Patarkar, former Dy. General Manager, Central Bank of India, London.
- (ii) Shri N. M. Valecha, Assistant General Manager, Central Bank of India, London.

In addition, Punjab National Bank has reported that its Manager at London branch was arrested by Scotland Yard, London and the proceedings against him are pending in a London Court. In addition another Manager in that branch, who subsequently resigned, was also arrested by Scotland Yard, and proceedings against him also are pending in the London Court.

(c) The CBI is also conducting investigation into certain specific instances of alleged cheating etc. done by Shri Rajinder Singh Sethia on Central Bank of India, London and Union Bank of India, London.

**Special Assistance to Growers for Rubber Plantations Destroyed in Flood in Kerala**

2830. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :  
SHRI P. A. ANTONY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large areas of rubber plantations have been destroyed in the recent floods in Kerala;

(b) if so, the total estimated loss;

(c) whether any special assistance is being given by the Centre to the rubber growers for rehabilitating the plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). The damage suffered by rubber plantations due to floods in Kerala are relatively small and isolated in comparison with other agricultural crops. According to a preliminary survey the loss may range between Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 70 lakhs only.

(c) and (d). No special assistance is, therefore, contemplated. However, affected rubber growers will be given assistance under existing schemes of the Rubber Board on a priority basis.

[*Translation*]

**Supply of Pump Set Engines to Farmers through Banks in Bihar**

2831. SHRI GANGA RAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat, India, P. S. G., Rajiv, Kamal and Atul Shakti brands of pump set engines are being supplied to farmers through banks in Bihar;

(b) if so, the names of the banks which have made payments for these pump set engines along with other details regarding these payments during the last three years;

(c) the prices fixed for these pump sets by Government; and

(d) the manufacturing cost of these pump sets and the prices at which these were supplied to the consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

[*English*]

**Utilisation of Installed Capacity of NTC (WBABO) Ltd. Calcutta**

2832. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite heavy funding, the management of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Ltd. has been unable to

maximise the utilisation of its total installed capacity during the last seven months and thus could not raise the production and sale;

(b) if so, the facts thereof with details of installed capacity of its each unit and percentage of utilisation during the above period;

(c) whether sub-standard cotton had been supplied time and again to the mills which also resulted into huge losses; and

(d) the further steps proposed for better performance of the subsidiary of the NTC Ltd. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) The overall spinning and weaving utilisation has gradually gone up in respect of NTC (WBABO) Ltd. during the last 7 months. The comparative performance of NTC (WBABO) is as under :

	Dec., 84	June, 85
Spinning utilisation%	34.8%	53.5%
Weaving utilisation%	27.7%	37.7%
Production value Rs.	217.26 lakhs	Rs. 322.42 lakhs
Sales value	Rs. 180.05 lakhs	Rs. 266.13 lakhs

(b) Statements I and II showing the installed capacity, in each case are given below.

(c) No, Sir. No complaint have been received from NTC (WBABO) regarding supply of sub-standard cotton to the mills under them.

(d) Some of the important steps taken/are being taken to improve the performance of the mills under NTC are as under :

- (i) arrangements are being made for timely procurement of cotton from different available channels;
- (ii) working capital has been replenished to make up for cash loss.
- (iii) to overcome the power shortage, self-generating capacity has been provided in most of the mills.
- (iv) Selective modernisation programme have been adopted for result-oriented gains; for best utilisation of limited resources;
- (v) Cost control methods have been introduced for reduction in cost at all levels;
- (vi) efforts are being made for reducing the non-operational administrative expenses;
- (vii) workers' participation scheme in the management of the mills is being encouraged.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11. Jyoti Weaving Factory*	160	27.9	27.3	26.9	22.7	24.4	23.1	21.9	
12. Laxmi Narayan Cotton Mill	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Kanoria Industries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Sodepore Cotton Mills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Bihar Co-operative Wvg. and Spg. Mills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Gaya Cotton and Jute Mills*	536	17.2	9.4	13.6	13.4	14.2	13.2	13.3	
17. Associated Industries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Orissa Cotton Mills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3541	Average utilisation 27.7	36.4	40.6	38.2	38.7	34.6	37.7	
19. Mohini Mills (Managed Mill) 436		79.9	85.4	83.8	84.6	85.9	75.0	84.8	

## Statement-II

Name of the Mill	Installed capacity of spindles	Spinning Utilisation (%)								
		Dec. 84	Jan. 85	Feb. 85	Mar. 85	Apr. 85	May 85	June 85		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1. Bengal Textile Mills	17076	15.6	52.4	48.3	43.9	49.9	44.4	38.3		
*2. Manindra Mills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3. Central Cotton Mills	35464	15.0	39.4	40.6	40.4	30.6	26.0	25.4		
4. Bengal Fine No. 1	24800	38.3	61.1	60.7	58.3	45.7	48.9	47.9		
5. Bengal Luxmi Mills	28737	28.9	45.6	52.2	53.0	59.1	58.1	52.9		
6. Shree Mahalaxmi Mills	15936	44.7	74.9	77.9	78.2	73.8	78.2	74.3		
7. Rampooria Cotton Mills	27284	32.8	36.1	50.9	59.3	59.9	54.5	55.5		
8. Arati Cotton Mills	21320	35.1	54.1	36.0	53.4	60.3	59.0	60.3		
9. Bangasri Cotton Mills	14828	55.3	83.4	80.6	80.2	76.5	72.1	75.5		
10. Bengal Fine No. 2	12960	53.1	64.1	69.3	60.2	53.0	51.1	60.8		
*11. Jyoti Wvg. Factory	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
12. Laxmi Narayana Cotton Mills	29132	48.2	65.3	64.2	50.1	52.9	56.9	61.0		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13. Kanoria Industries	11600	35.9	40.9	34.7	33.8	39.4	50.7	46.7
14. Sodepore Cotton Mills	11508	40.4	75.3	80.3	75.0	81.2	83.5	75.5
15. Bihar Co-operative Spg. and Wvg. Mills	15200	63.4	66.8	48.6	48.6	39.5	35.2	64.8
16. Gaya Cotton and Jute Mills	22240	30.1	42.6	64.1	56.2	52.2	57.6	51.1
17. Associated Industries	12320	20.6	54.4	64.5	58.9	51.9	63.4	74.8
18. Orissa Cotton Mills	17148	35.5	73.3	72.7	73.3	70.4	47.8	48.1
Total	377548	Average 34.8	54.6	58.7	56.2	54.2	51.3	53.5
		utilisation						
19. Mohini Mills (Managed)	32208	76.3	79.0	76.2	77.1	80.3	66.8	77.1

\*Weaving Unit