

of Lal Imli has gone up from Rs. 428 lakhs in 1980-81 to Rs. 1529 lakhs in 1984-85. The losses excluding interest and depreciation have gone down from Rs. 413 lakhs in 1980-81 to Rs. 68 lakhs in 1984-85.

(b) A modernisation plan with an outlay of Rs. 12.71 crores has been approved.

[*Translation*]

Gift Tax

2839. SHRI DAL CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount realised as gift tax every year and the total amount realised there from during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases of gift tax assessed during the last three years; and

(c) the number of cases pending for assessment till 1st April, 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The amount realised as Gift-tax varies from year to year. The following are the statistics of the amount realised as Gift-tax during the last three years :

(Amount in crores of Rs.)

| Year | Amount |
|---------|--------|
| 1982-83 | 7.71 |
| 1983-84 | 8.84 |
| 1984-85 | 10.56 |

(b) The number of cases of Gift-tax assessed during the last three years have been as under :

| Year | Nos. of Gift-tax cases assessed |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1982-83 | 73412 |
| 1983-84 | 82450 |
| 1984-85 | 80881 |

(c) The number of Gift-tax cases pending for assessment as on 1st April, 1985 was 38456.

[*English*]

Credit Flow to Small Scale Sector

2840. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the credit flow to the small scale sector units is far below the proportion of their number and employment potential;

(b) whether Government propose to augment the credit flow to the tiny units proportionately; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The bank credit to any unit is given on the basis of the requirements and economic viability. The banks have been directed to increase the flow of credit to priority sector, which includes small scale sector units. The bank advances to small scale industries as on last Friday of December, 1982, 1983 and June, 1984 were as follows :

(No. of accounts in lakhs)
(Amount in crores of Rupees)

| Period ended December | No. of Accounts | Amount outstanding | Total bank credit | Percentage Col. (3) to (4) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1982 | 10.25 (10.9) | 4209.22 (11.8) | 31969.85 | 13.2 |
| 1983 | 12.08 (17.9) | 5063.92 (20.3) | 36970.97 | 13.8 |
| June, 1984 | 13.06 (8.1) | 5549.24 (9.6) | 40145.09 | 13.8 |

(Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase)

(Source—Reserve Bank of India)

(b) and (c). With a view to increase flow of credit to tiny units, Reserve Bank of India have included artisans, village and cottage industries, where individual credit requirements do not exceed Rs. 25,000 under the "Weaker Sections" of the priority sector and advised the banks that their credit to weaker sections should form at least 10 per cent of the total credit.

**Support Price and Purchase of
Cotton from Kurnool District
in Andhra Pradesh**

2841. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India at Nandyal, Adoni in Kurnool districts and at Warangal in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the support price announced by Government for cotton.

(c) the rates at which the cotton was sold by ryots at Nandyal, Adoni and Warangal in the months of July, August, September and October, 1985; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Cotton Corporation of India to prevent distress sale at the above centres in Andhra Pradesh;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (d). The purchase of cotton by the Cotton Corporation of India at Nandyal, Adoni and Warangal since 1st September, 85 upto 29-11-1985 are as under :

| | (In Quintals) |
|----------|---------------|
| Adoni | 6858 |
| Nandyal | 3741 |
| Warangal | 45000 |

The support prices announced by Government of India for the cottons traded at the above centres are as under :

| Variety | Support price per quintal in Rs. |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| DCH-32 | 600 |
| MCU-5 | 555 |
| JKY-1 | 535 |
| H-4 | 535 |

Government of India has not fixed the support price for MCH-11 variety of Kapas. As this variety is considered equivalent to 1007 variety of Kapas it is being purchased at the support price of Rs. 500 per quintal fixed for 1007 variety, with usual deductions for inferior quality, if necessary.

The average prices paid by the Cotton Corporation in Nandyal, Adoni and Warangal during the period July-October, 8 varied from Rs. 398 per quintal to Rs. 550 per quintal for different varieties. The following steps have been taken by the Cotton Corporation of India to help the cotton growers of the above areas in disposing of their stocks :

(i) The Corporation constituted a Committee comprising representatives of the State Agriculture Department and the Corporation. The Committee visited about 40 villages in Nandyal District and as a result the Corporation mopped up around 7,000 quintals of Kapas and thus helped the cotton growers to off-load their stocks.

The Corporation has already tied up its arrangements for purchase of Kapas during 1985-86 season and have posted adequate staff at Adoni, Nandyal and Warangal. A separate sub-branch office has also been opened by the Corporation at Adoni.

(iii) An inter-ministerial team comprising of representatives of Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Agriculture and Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Cotton Corporation of India visited a number of places in Andhra Pradesh to make an on the spot review of the arrangements made for the purchase of cotton and other related matters.