

Central Silk Board has established a Regional Research Station at Bhimtal to assess the nature grown oak flora in those areas and also to impart training to the farmers in improved technologies of oak tassar rearing. This Research Station maintains stock races and supplies the seeds to the farmers. Besides, the State Sericulture Deptt. is also implementing oak tassar development programme for hilly areas.

Sanction of Loan by Nainital Almora Regional Rural Bank in Almora during 1984-85

2991. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of loan sanctioned by Nainital-Almora Regional Rural Bank in Almora District (Uttar Pradesh) during 1984-85;

(b) whether it is in accordance with the target fixed;

(c) if not, the reasons for not achieving this target; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Nainital-Almora Regional Rural Bank covers Nainital and Almora Districts. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has reported that the outstanding advances of each of the two districts in the jurisdiction of this bank are as follows :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	December 1984	June 1984
Nainital	16.07	20.28
Almora	10.16	16.75
Total	26.23	37.03

During 1984, the total disbursement of loan for both the districts of Nainital and Almora amounted to Rs. 51.18 lakhs as against the allocated target of Rs. 53.50

lakhs. Separate targets for loans in Almora district are not available. The performance of the bank can, therefore, be considered as satisfactory.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Crisis in Indian Export Garment due to Groupism in Apparel Export Promotion Council

2992. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether export of Indian garments is facing serious crisis these days and there is groupism in Apparel Export Promotion Council and organisation dealing in garments;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether due to the problem of quota system most of garments exporters have shifted to Nepal; and

(d) if so, the Government's policy in regard to such exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) There is no crisis in the export of Indian garments on account of groupism in the Apparel Export Promotion Council.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Loss in Foreign Exchange due to Export of Indian Garments from Nepal

2993. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian garment exporters take their raw material and garments to Nepal and export them to U.S.A. and other European countries from there; and

(b) the action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in view of the loss of foreign exchange and suffering to labour as a result thereof ?