

bilateral trade and to ensure its growth through new forms of cooperation. In that direction, a Soviet delegation recently visited India to identify areas of production cooperation between Indian and Soviet organisations. The delegations had detailed discussions to identify various products and fields in which mutually beneficial production cooperation could take place.

Orissa Government's Request for Second Jute Mill

958. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have approached Union Government to establish a second jute mill in that State; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the reaction of Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). Government have recently received an application for grant of Letter of Intent for establishment of jute processing unit at Kendrapara District, Cuttack, Orissa from the Orissa State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd., Bhubaneshwar. Action has been initiated to process the matter.

[Translation]

Textile Mills Declared Sick in U.P., Maharashtra and Gujarat

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

(a) the number of textile mills declared sick in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra since 1980 to date and the annual amount being spent by Government on these mills;

(b) the number of workers retrenched from said mills, mill-wise; and

(c) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to this retrenchment during the year 1984-85 and steps taken by

Government to re-instate them and the number of workers who are still jobless ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) The number of large Textile Mill (i.e. those individually enjoying aggregate bank credit limit of Rs. 1 crores and over from the Banking System) identified as sick by the Reserve Bank of India, during the period 1-1-1980 to 31-12-1984 in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra is given below :

| Uttar Pradesh | Gujarat | Maharashtra |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| 6 | 22 | 22 |

As reported by R.B.I. total outstanding bank credit, as at the end of December, 1984, to these units was around Rs. 300 crores.

(b) and (c). Data of this classification is not available.

[English]

Supply of Excise Free Polyester Fibre to National Textile Corporation Mills

960. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of recent revision of textile duty structure by Government, the National Textile Corporation mills will be supplied excise duty-free polyester fibre;

(b) whether this would result in production of low-priced shirting and suiting cloth; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) The Government has decided to supply excise duty free-polyester fibre to the National Textile Corporation subject to certain conditions.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. National Textile Corporation has started production of low-priced polyester cotton shirtings and