

(f) whether it is a fact that the prices of cloth produced by healthy mills and sick mills differ; if so, by what percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). The reasons indicated in part (c) of the aforesaid question were diagnostic in nature. According to the Textile Policy, selective modernisation would be undertaken where units can become viable. No final decision has been taken regarding the viability and the future course of action regarding the heavily losing mills.

(c) Rationalisation of labour is an ongoing process depending upon several factors e.g. implementation of modernisation schemes, change in products mix, change in capacities and revision of work norms. The said rationalisation of labour is done only with due payment of terminal benefits according to law. However, no separate rehabilitation schemes have been undertaken.

(d) The future course of action would be decided after examination of all relevant aspects.

(e) and (f). Floor prices for cloth and yarn are fixed and reviewed from time to time irrespective of cost, taking into account the rates of other mills in the market, rates of various mills under NTC and accordingly mills are advised to sell their production at such fixed prices. Cost of the production in the heavily losing mills is more than the sale price due to old and outdated machinery, excess labour etc.

Bulk Handling Facilities at Ports

8605. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite several keen inquiries from overseas buyers from wheat, export contracts were not finalised due to lack of bulk handling facilities at our ports ; and

(b) if so, the details of export contracts which could not be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Tourism Facilities to Students During Seventh Plan

8606. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the facilities provided by Tourism Department to students for excursion and the names of the States where these facilities have been provided, and the criteria adopted for providing these facilities to them;

(b) the number of students who have availed of these facilities so far; and

(c) the details of the additional steps proposed to be taken to provide more tourism facilities to students during the Seventh Five Year Plan, and the amount Government propose to invest for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Increase in Establishment Expenditure of Reserve Bank of India

8607. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the establishment expenditure in the Reserve Bank of India (Rs. 142 crores) at the end of June, 1985 was higher than that of any other public sector banks except the State Bank of India;