

overall review of the shortage of cotton yarn, which is confronting powerloom industry; and

(c) if so, the effective steps contemplated to solve the problem of non-availability of cotton yarn at fair prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) While there has been some increase in the prices of cotton yarn, largely on account of the increase in cotton prices, there is no overall shortage of cotton yarn for the decentralised powerloom sector.

(b) and (c). The situation regarding the availability and prices of cotton yarn is under constant review by the Government.

Quota to Powerloom Sector to Manufacture Janta Cloth

1932. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for allocating fixed quota to powerloom sector for manufacturing Janta cloth;

(b) If so, the quantum earmarked for powerloom sector; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) It is indicated in the textile policy that the responsibility for the entire production of controlled cloth shall be transferred to the handloom sector by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Suspension of Financial aid to Spinning Mills

1933. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to

state:

(a) whether the central financing institutions have suspended their financial assistance to spinning mills promoted/encouraged by Union/State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) the textile units promoted/encouraged by State Governments are entitled to assistance under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme. However, the financial institutions are reluctant to finance new units in the spinning sector.

(b) The financial institutions feel that adequate spinning capacity has already been created in the country and that new spinning mills would not be a viable proposition.

Export Oriented Mills for Maharashtra

1934. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been laying emphasis on export of cotton and cotton yarn recently;

(b) if so, whether Government have sanctioned some export-oriented spinning mills in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the names of such mills; and

(d) whether it is a fact that these mills are located in non-cotton growing areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The names of 100% export-oriented spinning mills in Maharashtra and their location are as under:-