

[English]

Target for Garment Export

2170. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

- (a) the target set for the export of garments for the current financial year ;
- (b) the achievement made so far ;
- (c) whether the target fixed for the current year would be achieved if export position remains as it is now ; and
- (d) if not, the details of the steps proposed to be taken to increase garments export ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The target fixed for the export of garments during the current financial year is Rs. 1450 crores.

(b) The export of garments during April-September this year was Rs. 954 crores. (Source : AEPC).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Conversion of Short Term Loans into Medium Term Loans by Nationalised Banks

2171. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some public sector banks have converted some short term loans into medium term loans during the current financial year ;

(b) if so, the details of these short term loans and the names of the public sector banks which have converted short term loans into medium term loans ;

(c) the total amount of loans converted into medium term loans ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). The Reserve Bank of India has reported that the information received from the nationalised

banks indicate that they have started extending credit support by way of conversion of short term loans into medium term loans to farmers and others affected by natural calamities like drought/floods etc. during the current financial year. The information so far received from nationalised banks indicate that conversion of loans to the persons affected by droughts/floods have been extended in 1,24,295 accounts involving an amount of Rs. 53.08 crores.

Adoption of Villages by Banks to Help Poor People

2172. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL :

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Canara Bank has adopted some villages in the Chitradurga branch in Bangalore and has decided to help the poverty stricken residents to raise their standard of living ; and

(b) if so, whether all the banks have been asked to adopt such practice to raise the minimum standard of the poor people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to adoption of villages by the Chitradurga Branch of Canara Bank under the Village Adoption Scheme. Canara Bank has reported that their Chitradurga Branch has adopted one village, namely Gulayanahatti for providing financial assistance and undertaking certain extension activities. The other public sector banks have also adopted a number of villages under the Village Adoption Scheme, in various parts of the country.

Violation of Price Norms for the Sale of Carpet Backing Cloth

2173. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA :

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about half a dozen exporters who repeatedly violated canalisation and statutory minimum price norms relating to sales of carpet-backing