

branches, including some rural branches, depending on several factors such as availability of space, security, demand for lockers, cost-return factor, benefits expected etc. It is true that there has been an increasing demand for locker facilities. The banks are endeavoring to meet this demand to the extent feasible.

[*Translation*]

Recruitment in Army

3267. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment in the army takes place only at two level i.e. at the soldiers level and that of the commissioned officer level and a soldier has to cross many stages to reach the level of a commissioned officers:

(b) If so, whether Government propose to start recruitment of Subedar Majors or Subedars at the non-commissioned level; and

(c) If so, the details in this regard?

THE MIINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ. V. PATIL):(a) Recruitment in the Army, apart form Commissioned Ranks, is made directly at the level of (1) Sepoy (2) Havildars and (3) Junior Commissioned Officers (Naib Subedars). Avenues are open to the Non-commissioned and the Junior Commissioned Officers to pick up commissioned ranks after a minimum service of five years through a process of selection for Army Cadet College, Permanent Commission (Special List) and Regimental Commission if they fulfil the requisite educational qualifications, medical fitness and are within the

age limits laid down for this purpose.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Steps to resolve crisis in NTC

3268. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was convened by Government on November 3, 1987 to discuss the crisis in the National Textile Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussion and conclusion arrived at?

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

(b) Does not arise.

World Bank Aid for Mulberry Sericulture in Orissa

3269. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are contemplating a massive programme for development of mulberry sericulture in the non-traditional States with the help of World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government of Orissa has represented to Central Silk Board with a definite programme for World Bank aid in this connection;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) when will this programme be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Central Silk Board has prepared a Central Sericulture Project for implementation in traditional as well as non-traditional States with World Bank Assistance. However, the details of this Project will be finalised after initial clearance of the Project by the World Bank.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Letter of Intent for Cooperative Spinning Mill in Kalahandi, Orissa

3270. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has repeatedly requested Government for issue of Letter of Intent for the only Cotton Growers' Cooperative Spinning Mill in acutely drought affected Kalahandi district of Orissa:

(b) if so, the reasons why the Letter of Intent has not been issued; and

(c) whether Union Government propose to grant this Letter of Intent as a special case for improvement of the economic conditions of farmers and agricultural labourers in this district?

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

(b) The application for the grant of an industrial licence was rejected because the proposed location of the mill did not fall in a

Category 'A' industrially backward district.

(c) The Orissa Government have represented against the rejection of the application. It is, however, not possible to indicate at this stage whether an industrial licence would be ultimately granted to the mill because such cases are considered keeping the overall Industrial Policy guidelines in view.

Job Rotation Policy in Bank of Baroda branches in West Bengal

3271. SHRI ANIL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some disputes in Bank of Baroda branches in West Bengal relating to job rotation policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) Some staff members of Bank of Baroda in West Bengal resorted to strike in September-October, 1987 in protest against the transfer of some clerical staff by the Bank within Calcutta under its policy of job rotation. The strike has since been called off.

Proposal to weed out Benami Companies in Garment Trade

3272. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Garment Exporters Common Cause Guild has submitted a letter to the Government requesting to weed out the 'benami' in the garment trade rather than weeding out the