

(c) the staff provided at these offices by the N.T.C.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b). A small office at the residence of Functional Directors of NTC (Holding Company), New Delhi has been provided for performing office work at home, after office hours and during holidays/illness.

(c) The Functional Directors have engaged some persons, as Daily Wagers, at their respective residence-cum-office co-terminus with their tenure in office, who are not on rolls of NTC. However, payment of wages at Daily wage rates to these persons is being made by NTC.

Deforestation in Andhra Pradesh

5848. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which forest land has depleted in the State of Andhra Pradesh between 1986 to 1988;

(b) the forest land reclaimed during the period;

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people uprooted and rehabilitated, during the period; and

(d) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the State Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) About 11,333 ha. of forest land has been diverted for non-forest uses in Andhra Pradesh between 1986 and 1988.

(b) An area of 5,88,438 hectares has been afforested in Andhra Pradesh during

1985-86 to 1988-89.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cooperative Spinning Mills in Andhra Pradesh

5849. SHRI C. SAMBU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the sick cooperative spinning mills in Andhra Pradesh as they are incurring losses due to old machinery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b). Loans for modernisation are given by the Financial Institute on the basis of viable schemes submitted by the concerned units. Only four Cooperative Spinning Mills of Andhra Pradesh have so far approached the Financial Institutions for loans.

Density of Forests

5850 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made to determine the density of forests in the country i.e. the forest growth per hectare; and

(b) if so, how do the figures compare with the world average?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The estimated growing stock of wood is about 65 Cum. per hectare in actual forest cover of the country as against the world average of 110 Cum.