

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d). In collaboration with State Governments, the Central Silk Board has formulated a National Sericulture Project for increasing production of mulberry raw silk in the country. The project has been posed for World Bank Assistance. A World Bank Mission visited India during Oct. Nov., 1988 to appraise the project. Final negotiations with the World Bank to finalise details of the Project, including the States to be covered and the cost, are proposed to be held in March, 1989. The implementation of the project is expected to commence in 1989-90.

#### Need to Strengthen Marketing Set up of NTC

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

(a) whether there is a need to strengthen the marketing set up of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in that regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the financial position of NTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b). NTC has recently appointed key functionaries in the area of marketing to strengthen the marketing set up. These functionaries include Chief General Managers (Marketing) in NTC subsidiaries.

(c) NTC has formulated a fresh turn-around strategy based on selective modernisation with the help of institutional finance, product improvement and diversification, upgradation of selected mills etc., to improve

the financial position.

#### Afforestation Programme In Karnataka

136. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for afforestation programme in the State of Karnataka during the year 1988 by the Central and State Governments, respectively; and

(b) The details of amount earmarked for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe dominated areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) The total outlay for afforestation activities under various Central and State sector schemes during 1988-89 in Karnataka is about Rs 18.90 and 8.67 crores respectively. The actual amount spent would be known only at the end of the financial year.

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

#### Environmental Clearance to Power Plants

137. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:  
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of proposals for setting up power plants are pending for want of environmental clearance; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of power plants pending for environmental clearance as on 31st December, 1988?