

Rs. 15.15 crores has been approved in respect of two NTC units located in Kerala.

**Inter-Action Among Physicians, Public and Government to Increase Health Awareness**

3832. SHRI H.B. PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been rapid strides in the fields of euthanasia, organ transplantation, test tube babies etc; in the country;

(b) if so, steps taken to have more specific laws and ethics which would guide the professionals and make them more relevant to the changing needs of the society;

(c) whether the health set up was adequate to meet the requirements of the people; and

(d) if not, the steps Government have taken or propose to take for more interaction between the physician, the public and Government to increase health awareness among the people and to check the evil of quackery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Export of Cotton**

3833. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to

state:

(a) whether the export of cotton had been banned last year in view of the sharp rise in the price of cotton yarn;

(b) whether cotton production is expected to exceed the demand during the current year;

(c) if so, the estimated production of cotton, the estimated demand and the estimated import of cotton for blending purposes;

(d) whether a watch is being kept on the price of cotton yarn; and

(e) if so, the monthly variation in the price of cotton yarn during the current cotton year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The export of staple cotton was kept under suspension during the cotton year 1987-88, on account of the reduced crop size, uptrend in cotton prices and shortage of cotton.

(b) and (c) As the production is considered sufficient to meet the demand, there is no proposal at present for import of cotton.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The wholesale price index of cotton yarn from September '88 to February, '89 was as follows:

September,	'88	391.0
October,	'88	385.3
November,	'88	385.5

December,	'88	396.3
January,	'89	398.9 (Provisional)
February,	'89	401.7 (Provisional)

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### **Plantation of Trees**

3834. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 22 February, 1989 to Unstarred Question No. 57 regarding plantation of trees and state:

(a) the target for tree plantation programme under each of the Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes, State-wise during the current Plan period as well as the annual programme for the current financial year, in terms of the number of trees to be planted or the area to be covered;

(b) the estimated level of the achieve-

ment of the annual target as well as the Plan target by the end of 1988-89; and

(c) the total number of trees planted and the total area covered under each programme since the beginning of the current Plan period?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI):** (a) to (c) The Statewise targets for tree planting are fixed on yearly basis under the 20 Point Programme. The targets and achievements of the Seventh Plan period from 1985-86 to 1988-89 are given in statement below. The target set for the current year is expected to be achieved.