

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE : (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b) The position in this regard varies from station to station as also with reference to the type of accommodation to which the officers concerned are entitled.

(c) 1960.

(d) Besides the accommodation available to the officers and staff of the Income-tax Department in General Pool administered by the Ministry of Works & Housing, the Government have, during the last few years approved a number of proposals for the construction of residential quarters for the officers and staff of the Income-tax Department at various places, and process is a continuing one. Purchases of ready built flats from both the State Government authorities as well as private parties on a selective basis have also been made.

#### India's Position in World Cotton Market

1804. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in the world cotton market is dwindling;

(b) if so, reasons for the same and steps taken to improve the position;

(c) India's export of cotton to other countries in 1983-84 and 1984-85 and estimated exports in 1985-86; and

(d) names of countries to which India's cotton trade is on the increase ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) and (b) As cotton is the main raw material of the Textile Industry, most of the cotton produced in the country is used by the domestic textile industry. The varieties of cotton, the production of which is surplus to our domestic requirements are exported. Since the export of cotton depends upon domestic demand and supply

situation, there is year to year variation in exports. The exporting agencies try to secure the best price in export sales.

(c) The quantity of cotton export during 1983-84 and 1984-85 cotton seasons are as following :—

1983-84 — 3.54 lakh bales

1984-85 — 1.29 lakh bales (Upto June, 85)

It is not possible to forecast precisely the quantity of cotton which will be exported during 1985-86 cotton season.

(d) According to available information, the export of cotton to USSR, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria and Japan is generally on the increase.

#### Indian Garments in World Market

1805. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Indian Garments manufactures who have established a world market for Indian garments;

(c) the total amount of annual foreign exchange earned by this trade; and

(b) the details of major foreign countries where Indian garments are a craze ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) Export-wise statistics of exports are not maintained.

(b) The exports during 1984-85 amounted to Rs. 943.73 crores. (Source : Apparel Export Promotion Council)

(c) Major markets for Indian Garments are USA, Member-States of BEC, USSR, Canada, Switzerland and Sweden.

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1806. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :