

Purchase of Handloom Cloth Made by the All India Handlooms Factories Marketing Co-operative Society and the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporations.

3871. SHRI PARMANAND
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SHRI CHHABI RAM ARGAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise break up of purchases of handloom cloth made by the All India Handlooms Factories, Marketing Co-operative Society and the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation in the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the representatives from those States from which sufficient purchases have not been made represented to the Central Government and the above organisations for stepping up purchases in these States;

(c) what steps are being taken by the above organisations to substantially step up the purchases from the above neglected States; and

(d) have these organisations taken steps to have dialogue with the above State Government's or Directors of Handlooms in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) State-wise information regarding the purchase of handloom fabrics by the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd. and the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation Ltd. during the last five years is given in the two statements laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1358/77].

(b) No such representation has been received. However, one of the resolutions and recommendations of the Conference of Ministers incharge of handlooms, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh held at Hyderabad on

17th & 18th November, 1977 relates to the need for stepping up the purchases of handloom materials from these States, especially from the Cooperative Sector.

(c) These organisation viz. The All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Co-operative Society and the Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation intend to effect more purchases from States where procurement is low at present. The All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society are also having "Pilot Schemes" for developing handloom cloth varieties in weaker States for domestic and export markets.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Representation by the All India Conference of Cotton Corporation Employees Union regarding Donations

3872. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Conference of Cotton Corporation Employees Union has submitted to Government a representation as stated in the *Financial Express* (Punjab Edition) dated 19th October, 1977;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any enquiries into the alleged donations made by the Cotton Corporation and what are its findings;

(c) whether the Cotton Corporation showed any special favours to any mills as indicated in the Report; and

(d) whether the Government has made any enquiries into the alleged losses by the Cotton Corporation through inefficiency in the purchase of cotton from certain sources as alleged and if so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The matter is under examination of the Government.