

Production of Controlled cloth for the Poor

8760. SHRI K. S. VEERABHADR-APPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the quantity and value of controlled cloth for the poor produced in the Mills controlled by the National Textile Corporation during the last two years; and

(b) the reasons for the shortfall in the production of cloth during the current year and what measures Government have taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Production and value of controlled cloth produced in mills under the management of National Textile Corporation is as under:—

Year	Quantity (Million Sq. Metres)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
(1)	(2)	(3) †
1977-78	64.02	11.84*
1978-79	204.00	37.74*

*These are calculated at the ex-mill price at consumer level.

(b) There has been no short fall in production in the current year.

News Item "Tarapur Killing Softly"

8761. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the exclusive investigative story on the total

criminality involved in all aspects of Tarapur Atomic Plant appearing in "This Fortnight" news magazine dated March, 8—March 21, 1979 under the Caption "Tarapur Killing softly";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the various observations of serious nature, observation-wise made therein; and

(c) the details regarding facts of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). The main allegations made in the article of dangerous over exposure to personnel at Tarapur is incorrect. While this reactor built on a turn-key basis and commissioned in 1969, has given rise to problems like other reactors of this design and vintage, these problems have been successfully tackled and the reactor has been operated in complete consonance with international safety regulations. There is an integrated system of comprehensive radiation protection for the workers at Tarapur which is in line with the accepted international standards and it is as a part of this integrated system that workers from outside Tarapur have been drafted for occasional jobs in Tarapur. However, all appropriate records of radiation exposure in respect of these workers including casual workers have been maintained and there has not been even a single case of radiation sickness.

Functioning of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation

8762. SHRI P. RAJAGOPALA NAIDU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether artificial limbs manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur is functioning; and

(b) the work done by it till now?