

Wrong certification of non-handloom garments as handloom garments

293. SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has in her speech while inaugurating the second meeting of the All India Handloom and Handicraft Board on 8th June, 1982 mentioned about the wrong certification of non-handloom garments as handloom garments;

(b) whether it is a fact that such malpractices are quoted against us in international Forums like MFA, GATT etc.; and

(c) the details of such cases and action taken against guilty persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During bilateral textile negotiations some importing countries have expressed the view that it is difficult to dis-

tinguish between handloom and powerloom goods.

(c) Recently, a total of 31 cases from Benelux & the UK where non-handloom origin of goods had been alleged, were referred to us for scrutiny. On examination, it was found that out of a total number of 86846 pieces/sets, 67093 pieces/sets were found to be of handloom origin. In other cases, action will be taken under law.

Grievances of commissioned officers of Military Nursing Services (Local)

294. SHRI HANAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what steps have been taken to settle the grievances of the Commissioned Officers of the Military Nursing Service (local)?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): The improvements made in the terms and conditions of the service of the Military Nursing Services (Local) officers since the issue of earlier instructions in 1977 have been tabulated in the statement attached.

Statement

Improvement regarding the terms and conditions of services of the officers of Military Nursing Services (Local)

(i) *Initial Contract*

<i>Pre-revised</i>	<i>Revised</i>
One year	Three years

(ii) *Pay-Scale*

Rs. 540-20-700	Rs. 540-20-700 (ordinary Grade) Rs. 650-20-810 (Selection Grade)
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Selection Grade pay scale is authorised to 20% of the strength of the Military Nursing Service (Local) category.

(iii) *Uniform Allowances*

(a) Initial - At the rate of Rs. 450/- at Delhi, Dehra Dun, Jullundur, Kasauli, Meerut, Patiala, Ranikhet, Shillong, Yol, Ambala, Amritsar, Ferozpur, Lebong, Wellington, Jhansi, Fategarh and Simla (all cold-climate stations) and at the rate of Rs. 300/- at other stations (non-cold climate stations).	At the rate of Rs. 600/- at Delhi, Dehra Dun, Jullundur, Kasauli, Meerut, Patiala, Ferozpur, Ranikhet, Shillong, Yol, Ambala, Amritsar, Lebong, Willington, Jhansi, Fategarh and Simla (all cold climate stations) and at the rate of Rs. 500/- at other stations (non-cold climate stations).
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