

### Decline in Textiles Export

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export performance of textiles has fallen this year;

(b) if so, by how much and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the export during the remaining period to achieve the target fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) There has been a some decline in the export of garments and cotton fabrics during the period April to December, 1982 as compared to export of these items in the corresponding period of 1981. However, export of woollen, man-made and silk textile items have registered an increase during the current year till December, 1982.

(b) During the period April-Dec., 1982 exports of garments amounted to Rs. 428.39 crores, (provisional); the corresponding figures for the period April-December, 1981 was Rs. 463.75 crores. Cotton fabrics (including handloom fabrics), exports in the period April-Dec., 1982 were of Rs. 191.52 crores (provisional) as compared to export of Rs. 225.11 crores in the period April-Dec., 1981. Recessionary trends in the world markets and changes in the demand pattern are largely responsible for the decline. Exports have also been affected by the strike in the textile mills in Bombay.

(c) Mills outside Bombay region have been encouraged to step up exports of cotton fabrics. Larger quantities for export of ready-made garments are available for utilisation in quota countries with effect from 1-1-1983. Segmentwise transfer of quantities in respect of ready-made garments in various country/categories has been done considering the pace of utilisation and the demand trend. Rates of Cash Compensatory Support effective from 1-1-1983 have been announced.

### Import at higher cost items being produced at Icchapore Rifle Factory and Icchapore Metal and Steel Factory

2268. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some items which were being and could be produced in the Icchapore Rifle Factory and Icchapore Metal and Steel Factory are procured from some private firms and are being imported from abroad at a comparatively higher cost; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Purchase from trade is made in the case of certain raw-materials and components to meet the essential requirements of the production programme. Urgent logistic and operational requirements of Army are met by resorting to import., till indigenous production gets established in the factories.