

addition to the usual export promotion measures such as participation in fairs and exhibitions, sponsoring of sales delegations, it is expected that export efforts of bicycles manufacturers will be strengthened by the various steps taken by the Government for supply of steel and pig iron on priority basis, supply of steel at international prices, simplification of import licencing procedures, advance licencing system for raw materials and introduction of 100% export oriented units.

EIPC recently organised the participation of six Indian firms in International Motor cycles and Cycle Fair, Cologne in September, 1982.

(d) The export of bicycles and bicycle parts has been as follows :

1981-82 : Rs. 65.00 Crores (Prov.)

1982-83 : Rs. 37.00 Crores (Prov.)

(April-December)

राष्ट्रीय कपड़ा निगम के प्रबन्ध निदेशक और चेयरमैन के पदों का भरा जाना

6312. श्री केयूर भूषण : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय कपड़ा निगम के प्रबन्ध निदेशक और चेयरमैन के पद गत कुछ महीनों से रिक्त पड़े हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इन पदों के कब तक भरे जाने की संभावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

U. S. Arms Supply to Pakistan

6313. SHRI M. S. K. SATHIYENDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that the United States of America has assured Pakistan of an additional 1.1 billion dollar military credit and expeditious supply of remaining F-16s; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this matter and the steps taken to cope with the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) :

(a) Government have no reliable information in this regard.

(b) All developments affecting our security are assessed on a continuing basis and appropriate measures are initiated from time to time to maintain full defence preparedness.

Use of Army in Situation of Unrest

6314. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the past, the help of the Army was taken and is still now being taken in Assam to deal with a situation of unrest;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken care to train some of the Army men for meeting such situations since it is not their normal function; and

(c) whether the Army in the Eastern sector are briefed properly about the situation that they are required to handle so that their good image is not affected mainly because of lack of knowledge ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) :

(a) and (b) The Army has been providing various types of assistance to the State Government in Assam. Such assistance to civil authorities is a legitimate part of the Army's duties for which it is always kept trained.