

Export of textiles to E.E.C.

3274. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian textiles is being exported to the EEC countries;

(b) if so, the quantum and value of Indian textiles exported to the EEC countries during the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83;

(c) whether it is a fact that export of Indian textiles has declined during the current year; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons and what steps are being taken to increase our export during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Information in respect of export of mill-made cotton fabrics and readymade garments to the E.E.C. is given in the statement attached.

(c) There has been some decline in the export of garments and cotton fabrics to the EEC markets during the period April to December, 1982 as compared to export of these items in the corresponding period of 1981.

(d) Precessionary trends in the economies of the major importing countries and changes in demand pattern and consumer preferences are said to be largely responsible for the decline. Exports have also been affected by the strike in the textile mills in Bombay. In order to increase exports, Mills outside Bombay region have been encouraged to step up exports of cotton fabrics. Larger quantities for export of readymade garments are available for utilisation in the quota countries with effect from 1-1-1983. Segment-wise transfer of quantities in respect of readymade 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 also been announced.

Statement

Quantum and Value of Mill-Made Cotton Textiles (Fabric) Exported to E.E.C.

Year	Quantity in Tonnes	Value in Rs. (crores)
1980-81	31398	122.50
1981-82	17405	81.23
1982-83 (Provisional) (April-Dec.)	8265	45.09

Source: Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

Quantum and value of garments exported to E.E.C.

Year	Quantity in Lakh pcs.	Value in Rs. (crores)
1980-81	774	278.41
1981-82	712	277.01
1982-83 (Provisional) (April-Dec.)	424	159.26

Source: Apparels Export Promotion Council.

Air Link to Dhanbad

3275. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of providing air link to Dhanbad very soon; and

(b) if so, by what time and the frequency of flight to be operated to and from Dhanbad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.