

Report of the High-Powered Committee to Assess the Problems of Closed and Sick Textile Mills in Gujarat

9115. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHOUDHARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high-powered committee constituted by the Centre to assess the problems of closed and sick textile units in Gujarat had submitted its report ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The Group of Officers, which is going into the problems of closed and sick textile mills in Gujarat have not submitted its final report so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Advances to Weaker Sections by Nationalised Banks

9116. SHRI VIRDHJI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to nationalised banks to make available advances to weaker sections of people for their economic rehabilitation in the backward and tribal areas of different States;

(b) if so, the total amount of such advances given by the nationalised banks in different States during the last three years State-wise; and

(c) interest charged on such advances ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c) Within the borrowers falling under Priority Sector, a concept of weaker section has been evolved which comprise the following :

(i) Small and marginal farmers as defined now, landless labourers, tenant farmers and share croppers.

(ii) Artisans, village and cottage industry;

(iii) IRDP beneficiaries;

(iv) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(v) DRI beneficiaries.

Public Sector Banks have been advised to ensure that 25 per cent of their total priority sector advances go to this Section by March, 1985. The stipulation is on an aggregate basis and no separate statewise targets are envisaged. According to quick estimates outstanding advances to weaker sections aggregated to Rs. 2475 crores spread over 99.3 lakh borrowers, accounting for 19.3 per cent of the priority sector advances of the public sector banks as at the end of September, 1983. State-wise details of these advances have not become available as yet. Instructions regarding separate targets and monitoring of advances to weaker sections as detailed above were issued in February, 1983 and as such figures for the last three years are not available. The rates of interest for most of the advances to weaker sections vary from 10% to 12.5%. Advances under DRI Scheme carry a rate of interest of 4% only.

Trade Unions Functioning in Akbar Hotel of ITDC

9117. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) how many trade unions are there in Akbar Hotel of ITDC;

(b) the strength of each trade union;

(c) whether any one among them is recognised; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor ?