

(c) The capacity utilisation of the units under N.T.C. (WBABO) was 68.5% in spinning and 48.2% in weaving during 1979-80. The corresponding figures for 1983-84 were 49.7% and 43.9% respectively. Inadequate supply of inputs is one of the reasons for lower capacity utilisation.

(d) In the recent past, some cases involving despatch of non-controlled cloth without formal delivery instructions have come to light. Preliminary investigation revealed some procedural lapses and irregularities at different levels. A special Audit has since been ordered by N.T.C. (WBABO), for the financial years 1981-82

to 1983-84. The Audit would cover the areas of commercial operations and utilisation of funds for modernisation programme.

(e) Out of the total sanctioned outlay of about Rs. 36 crores for renovation/modernisation, etc. for mills under N.T.C. (WBABO), since the time to take over of these mills, an amount of Rs. 31 crores has been spent, according to available information. Out of the total sanctioned outlay, the share of financial institutions is about Rs. 7.56 crores.

(f) The improvement from 1975-76 to 1982-83 is as follows :

	1975-76	1982-83
(i) <i>Utilisation (%)</i>		
Spinning	63.1	66.1
Weaving	48.2	50.9
(ii) <i>Productivity</i>		
40s conversion (gms)	47.7	54.9
loom productivity index	192.	220
Average count	25.2s	30.5s
(iii) <i>Production value (Rs. in crores)</i>	18.00	30 00

Financial assistance from World Bank for Srisailam Project Right Branch Canal and Sriramasagar Project Stage II Phase Works

2015. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank agreed to give financial assistance of Rs. 300 crores for Srisailam Project right branch canal and Sriramasagar Project 2nd phase works ; and

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure for constructing Srisailam project right branch canal and Sriramasagar Project Stage II-Phase works ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. A World Bank pre-appraisal mission has visited the project area recently. However, decisions on project scope, quantum of assistance etc. would be taken as and when formal negotiations are held with the Bank and legal agreements signed. The Srisailam Right Bank Canal project is estimated to cost Rs. 220 22 crores and the Sriramasagar Stage II Project Rs. 415.35 crores (at 1981-82 prices).

At Hardwar, Rishikesh and Mathura-Vrindavan

2016. SHRI DIGAMBER SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND