

that more cloth is available for the poorer section of the people ;

(b) if so, the main points thereof ; and

(c) how much increase in production of cloth will be made by the Textile mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI  
A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the requisite information is attached.

#### *Statement*

Under the scheme the industry has undertaken to produce 100 million sq. metres of controlled cloth during 3 months beginning from 1st June, 1971.

The mills which produce controlled varieties of cloth will be given a subsidy to the extent of 50 paise per sq. metre from funds which will be collected by the industry.

This scheme is to be implemented by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation, under the guidance and supervision of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay.

#### **Talks with British Government re. Imposition of Duty on Indian Cotton Textiles**

1009. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI R. P. DAS :  
SHRI ISHWAR  
CHAUDHURY :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have had any talks recently with the British Government in regard to the imposition of duty on the import of Indian textiles ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof ; and

(c) the outcome of these talks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI  
A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the official and Ministerial level discussions the Indian Delegation reiterated its strong opposition to the British proposal for the imposition of 15 per cent tariff on imports of cotton textile from the Commonwealth Preference areas and the abolition of quotas with effect from 1st January, 1972.

(c) The reaction of the British Government to the points made by the Indian side are awaited.

#### **Demand for Increase in Price of Mica**

1010. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mica Traders' Association of Bihar has demanded increase in the price of mica ;

(b) if so, the basis behind such a demand ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI  
A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The increase in floor prices of mica has been demanded on the ground that the cost of mining and processing of mica has increased considerably since the floor prices had been last revised in 1966. In view of the stiff international competition, particularly, in relation to prices, the Government does not consider it appropriate to increase the floor prices at this time.

#### **पीड़ी (उत्तर प्रदेश) में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र**

1011. श्री प्रताप सिंह नेगी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार उत्तर प्रदेश में पीड़ी गढ़वाल जिले में पीड़ी में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र स्थापित करने का है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त केन्द्र कब तक स्थापित किया जायेगा ; और