

Shortage of Coal faced by Ahmedabad Textile Industry

302. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ahmedabad Textile Industry recently complained of loss of manpower for want of adequate quantity of coal for running the mills ;

(b) if so, whether Government have been taken any action in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association represented recently that overall coal stock position with Ahmedabad Mills reached very low level and continues to be precarious ; but none of the mills has so far been closed down due only to coal shortage.

(b) and (c). The Railway authorities were requested to arrange for adequate coal despatches in favour of Ahmedabad Mills to avoid crisis. It is understood that the arrival of coal in Ahmedabad is now quite normal.

कपास के आयात के बारे में सूती कपड़ा विकास परिषद के निष्कर्ष

303. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सूती कपड़ा विकास परिषद ने अपनी हाल ही की रिपोर्ट में यह संकेत दिया है कि उपभोक्ताओं की तथा निर्यात सम्बन्धी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए 230 करोड़ रुपये के मूल्य की कपास और सूती धागे का आयात करना आवश्यक होगा ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) तथा (ख). सरकार को ऐसे किसी सरकारी धयवा गैर-सर-

कारी निकाय के होने की जानकारी नहीं है। न ऐसी कोई सूचना ही मिली है।

Setting up of Regional Research Laboratory for Industrial Research in Kerala

305. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VIGYAN AUR PRADYOGIKI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established Regional Research Laboratories for Industrial Research in all the States barring Kerala, and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the reasons for not sanctioning the same for Kerala ;

(c) whether Government propose to sanction one Regional Research Laboratory of Industrial Research for Kerala ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (YOJNA MANTRI TATHA VIGYAN AUR PRADYOGIKI VIBHAG MANTRI) (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) No, Sir. Four Regional Research Laboratories are functioning at present under the C. S. I. R. in Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Jorhat (Assam), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Bhubaneswar (Orissa).

(b) to (d). Proposals for setting up Regional Research Laboratories in some other states including Kerala were included in the 4th Five Year Plan proposals of the CSIR. However, the Committee which was appointed by the Governing Body of the CSIR to consider the Fourth Five Year Plan proposals of the CSIR *de novo* recommended that CSIR should not set up any more Regional Research Laboratories during the IVth Plan as there are enough commitments on hand for the available resources. If there are special programmes of regional importance, they should be undertaken in the existing National Laboratories/Institutes. The Governing Body of the CSIR have accepted the recommendation.

However, an Indian Ocean Biological Centre and the Biological Oceanography and Physical Oceanography Division of the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa are already functioning at Ernakulam. The Central Indian Medicinal Plants