

state:

(a) whether Air India is considering any proposal with cooperation of Shipping Corporation of India to introduce a novel system of tourism offering "Arabian Sea cruises on board";

(b) if so, whether Air India has chartered a ship from Greece;

(c) the expected number of tourists to be attracted to visit India as a result of introduction of the new pattern and the expected foreign exchange to be earned; and

(d) the broad features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. SARAJINI MAHISHI): (a) and (b). A proposal to introduce cruises for tourists in the Arabian sea has been accepted in principle by Government. Details are being worked out in consultation with the Shipping Corporation of India.

(c) and (d). It is expected that about 3000 tourists would take these cruises in the coming winter season. It would be possible to estimate the earnings only after complete details of fares, off-shore excursions, etc. have been worked out.

Planning Commission decision to freeze the capacity of Textile Industry

9828. **SHRI DHAMANKAR:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the Planning Commission's decision to freeze the capacity of textile industry (organised sector) when the production has woefully gone down and population increases at the rate of one million a month;

(b) whether this factor has not contributed to inadequate availability

and consequent black-marketing of cloth; and

(c) if so, the reasons for denying this labour-intensive industry the privilege of renovation and modernisation, especially when this year industry has earned about Rs. 154 crores from exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No such decision has been taken. On the other hand during the Fourth Plan period expansion in the Cotton Textile Industry has been authorised both in regard to spindleage as well as loomage to the extent of over 2.5 million spindles and 16,000 looms. There will be further expansion in the Industry during the Fifth Plan period also.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Public Sector Undertakings in Andhra Pradesh

9829. **SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the names, location and other particulars of the public sector undertakings being set up by the Centre in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESHI): The information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library. See No. LT/7035/74*]

Sharp increase in Price of Cotton Yarn

9830 **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the price of cotton yarn has shot up after the lifting of the control on it by Government; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof and the steps taken to prevent this and the arrangements made to distribute the cotton yarn at reasonable prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Two statements (I & II) showing comparative market prices of cotton yarn of counts upto 80s immediately before removal of price control over such yarn and in the last week of April, 1974, are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7036/74]. A statement (III) detailing the steps taken to arrest the price rise, etc. is also laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7036/74].

राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में काम कर रहे हरिजन

9831. श्री गंगा चरण बीसित: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जनवरी, 1973 तक चौदह राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों, रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया और अन्य सरकारी वित्तीय संस्थानों में काम कर रहे हरिजनों की प्रतिशत कितनी है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण): सामान्यतः बैंक और वित्तीय संस्थाएँ इस प्रकार के आकड़े अपने लेखा वर्ष के अन्त की स्थिति के सम्बन्ध में रखते हैं। 14 राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और अन्य सरकारी वित्तीय संस्थाओं में कार्य कर रहे अनुसूचित जातियों के कर्मचारियों (हरिजनों) का प्रतिशत नीचे दिया गया है—

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1. भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और उसकी सहायक संस्थाएँ	7.7	31-12-72
2. स्टेट बैंक समूह	5.1	"
3. 14 राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक	2.5	"

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4. भारतीय औद्योगिक वित्त निगम	5.1	31-12-72
5. भारतीय औद्योगिक पुन-निर्माण निगम	5.3	30-6-73
6. भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम	3.29	31-3-73
*7. सामान्य बीमा निगम	1.2	1-1-73

सूती धागे के निर्यात में कमी

9832. श्री गंगा चरण बीसित: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में बिजली की कटौती के परिणामस्वरूप उत्पादन में हुई कमी के कारण सूती धागे के निर्यात में कमी हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो पाचवी योजना में सरकार का विचार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० सी० जार्ज): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।