

**Retrenchment in Mills managed by
National Textile Corporation**

2999 SHRI HARI SINGH;

SHRI RAM BHAGAT
PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether about 25000 workers have been thrown out of job from the mills managed by National Textile Corporation of India recently; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken for their absorption in other mills?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Export of Chromite Ore

3000. SHRI ARJUN SETHI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Orissa has approached the Union Government for direct export of chromite ore without routing it through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Export of chromite ore is banned at present, except for ad hoc exports which may be specifically authorised.

**Closure of Tea Gardens in West
Bengal**

3001. SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven tea gardens in the District of Darjeeling (West Bengal) have been closed and several others are facing closure; and

(b) the reasons for such abnormal closures and how many workers have been retrenched and laid off?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH)

(a) According to an assessment made in 1975, there are about 13 sick/closed tea gardens in the District of Darjeeling

(b) Some of the factors to which uneconomic/sick condition of a tea estate can be attributed are over-capitalisation, poor labour management relations, misapplication of funds unscientific agricultural practices, mis management etc. No information is available in regard to workers affected.

Sick Tea Gardens in Assam

3002 SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of sick tea gardens in the State of Assam and in Cachar District; and

(b) the total number of workers and employees who have been working in such tea gardens?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI
VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) According to an assessment made during 1975, there are about 17 sick/closed tea gardens in the State of Assam out of which 6 are in Cachar District.