

fixed by the Controller as mentioned above. No departure from this procedure was made during the month of February, 1963. The sale to priority holders and to the general public being made from different allocations, there is no question of the supplies intended for the general public being sold to the priority holders or *vice versa* during any month.

Andhra Sugars Limited

*845. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Sugars Limited have been granted permission to invest a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs in the Fertiliser Project at Kothagudam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the nature of works on which this amount has been or is likely to be spent; and

(c) whether the Directors have sought permission to invest an additional sum of Rs. 25 lakhs in the project?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes.

(b) The investment will form part of the share capital to be raised by the new company for financing the fertiliser project.

(c) No.

Yarn Prices

1794. **Shri Yallamanda Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of yarn, mostly used by hand-looms have been increased;

(b) if so, to what extent and why; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to reduce the

rates, to help the poor handloom weavers in the country?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The increase in ceilings of ex-mill prices ranged from 4 per cent to 15 per cent. The ceilings were increased to encourage the production of yarn mostly consumed by the Handloom Industry which was in short supply owing to the unremunerative nature of the price ceilings prior to revision.

(c) No, Sir. The increase in the ceilings was itself allowed in the interest of the Handloom Industry.

Sericulture Industry in Uttar Pradesh

1795. { **Shri Sarjoo Pandey:**
Shri J. B. Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants and loans given to Uttar Pradesh for the plantation of mulberry trees and development of sericulture industry separately during 1962-63; and

(b) the amount that was utilised by the State?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). On the basis of an anticipated expenditure of Rs. 6.65 lakhs incurred by the State Government in 1962-63 for the development of sericulture including plantation of mulberry trees, the following assistance was sanctioned to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for 1962-63:

Loan	— Rs. 3.28 lakhs
Grant	.. Rs. 1.99 lakh

No information is yet available re: the extent of utilization of these amounts.